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Remembering Stephen Shiraka

By Sarah K. Taylor

The Old Rochester Regional district schools are mourning the loss of Stephen Shiraka, after the long-time Facilities Manager passed away suddenly at the age of 54 on November 14. Mr. Shiraka had been the director of school facilities for the elementary schools in the Tri-Town area as well as Old Rochester Regional High School since 2000. He had worked at ORR for the past fifteen years and was a beloved member of the community.

Mr. Shiraka was a resident of East Falmouth, and had spent the last 25 years there with his wife and two daughters.

Dr. William Cooper, the superintendent at Old Rochester Regional, spoke about Mr. Shiraka fondly. "He was a wonderful colleague, very knowledgeable, dedicated and committed." Dr. Cooper continued by describing how Mr. Shiraka was always there when a problem arose. If the boiler broke down in the middle of the night, Mr. Shiraka was there, despite his long commute from East Falmouth. If there was a leak on a Sunday morning, again, Mr. Shiraka came through. He took his job very seriously and was well known and respected by those who worked with him.

Among his many accomplishments as Facilities Manager was Mr. Shiraka's attention to maintaining the schools with ecology in mind. He most recently advocated for building a school well at the high school for the purpose of irrigating the premises.

An avid fisherman, Mr. Shiraka was known locally for his expertise with a fishing rod. This hobby earned him recognition and friendship among another group of people who will miss his company. Mr. Shiraka wrote and lectured on the topic of fishing for the magazine *On the Water* as well as for the Massachusetts Striped Bass Association, who wrote a tribute to Mr. Shiraka on their website upon hearing the news of his death.

Besides being a contributing writer for the fishing magazine, Mr. Shiraka also helped host seminars in the Osterville area on angling. He was known as "Flaptail" to his Striper fishing buddies, who described him as having a "plethora of knowledge" in the field of fishing. He was an active member of an online striper community, a group where one member described Mr. Shiraka as "a very knowledgeable guy with an obvious passion" for fishing. This was the consensus from Steve's family and friends – he was reliable and dedicated to his work and sport.

The loss of Mr. Shiraka was felt at school committee meetings in the week following his death, with committee members expressing sadness at the sudden loss of such a devoted worker and friend. The Joint Committee ORR/Superintendency Union #55 held a moment of silence for Mr. Shiraka, as did the Marion Board of Selectmen at their November 17 meeting.

Mr. Shiraka will be missed by those who knew him. His dedication to his work and his passion for fishing will not be forgotten.

On the Cover: Fifteen students from Jane Tougas' eighth grade Enrichment Class display the 50 blankets they helped make for Project Linus, a charity that provides handmade blankets to seriously ill and traumatized children. Front row, left to right: Olivia Lanagan, Lizzie Machado, Seth Richard, and Chris Demers. Back row, left to right: Renae Reints, Tori Saltmarsh, Katie Zartman, Kelly Kay, Ali Grace, Nicholas Bergstein, and Andrew Dessert. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.

Marion Voters Consider Senior Center

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

An informational survey was distributed in November to Marion voters to determine the future of a Marion Senior Center project.

In August, Marion Council on Aging director Susan Schwager said that several people expressed to her that they would like to see a Marion Senior Center, which would be a place specially dedicated to senior activities. With Ms. Schwager's help and encouragement, Tabitha Tripp and Planning Board member Joseph Napoli wrote a letter to the Board of Selectmen, who agreed to devote their allotted Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) hours to exploring the town's interest in adding a senior center. A committee was formed to help determine the interests and needs of voters in regards to a senior center.

There are over 1,400 seniors in Marion, and the Council on Aging operates out of an office in the Town House. The COA has still been able to conduct some senior activities, like a monthly speaker-series, but these

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activities are generally planned ahead and have to be held in town buildings – like the Sippican School – large enough to accommodate the audience. With the space that a senior center would provide, there would be more options for drop-in activities.

After generating a list of questions using the SRPEDD hours, the survey was distributed to each registered voter in Marion. The questions in the survey are designed to determine whether voters are interested in a senior center, which Ms. Schwager prefers to call an "Older Adult Community Center", and what kinds of senior center resources would appeal to them.

Ms. Schwager would like a place for seniors to have exercise, art, language, and computer classes. After visiting area senior centers, she is getting an idea of what the Marion Senior Center could look like and what it could offer to the growing rate of baby-boomer seniors. "A kitchen for Meals on Wheels would be great," said Ms. Schwager. "Billiards… ping pong… just space enough to hold activities, either passive or active."

Currently, there is no proposed location for a potential senior center, though there have been several suggestions, including renovating existing buildings and leasing a new building. Some have even suggested operating a senior center out of the Sippican School, but for Ms. Schwager, this would present too many logistic problems. "It's not the best solution," Ms. Schwager said. "There is limited parking and even more limited

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handicapped parking (at the Sippican School)." Other factors that would complicate putting a senior center in the school would include navigating the school security policies and the distance seniors would have to walk from the parking lot to the building.

Ms. Schwager, who has worked for the Marion Council on Aging for eleven years, is a part-time employee. If the senior center became a reality, the position would have to be full-time in order to fully operate the center. If Marion voters express interest in a senior center, this proposal would have to progress to town meeting, although Ms. Schwager doesn't think it will be ready in time for the next Annual Town Meeting.

A study committee led by Chairperson Tabitha

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Tripp helped make the survey in order to fully determine the desires and needs of Marion voters. Even though Ms. Schwager thinks a senior center would be a valuable asset to the town, she is determined to respect the wishes of the voters. "If people don't want it, I don't want to cram it down their throats," Ms. Schwager said. If the survey determines that voters are not currently interested in a senior center, she would table the issue.

Ms. Tripp is hopeful that the town will be interested in the project. "We hope it will be a go," said Ms. Tripp. "Marion residents deserve to have their own center, and some people don't want to leave town," she said, citing the amount of seniors who have to travel to Mattapoisett and Rochester to attend social and well-being events.

Voters who received the survey have until November 30 to complete the form and return it to one of the five designated drop-off points: the Town House, the Elizabeth Taber library, Uncle Jon's Café, the Marion General Store or Eastern Bank.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

November 23, 2009

By Sarah K. Taylor

A Meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday November 23, 2009 at 7:02 pm by Chairman Richard Nunes. Also present were Selectman Naida L. Parker and Town Administrator Richard LaCamera.

Selectman Parker motioned to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2009 meeting, and Chairman Nunes seconded the motion.

Under Selectmen's Signature, the Cape Cod Getaway MS Bike Ride requested that June 26 and 27, 2010 be reserved for their ride and a motion was made and approved in advance by the Board.

At 7:05 pm the Board of Assessors came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss the part-time position of Massachusetts appraisal technical advisor. The position qualifies for regular benefits, although there was a question of approved time off. Mr. LaCamera questioned the amended contract, which would allow the

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employee an extended period of time to utilize vacation time. He stated that "benefits for employees should be standardized" and that the more exceptions made to the rule will only allow for more exceptions later down the road for other employees.

The Board of Assessors claimed that this amended contract has been approved by Town Counsel, as well as their Board, and the employee in question, and that asking for this is in the very best interest of the Town. It insures that the employee will be available to work during the busiest time of year, and that the time off will not be taken during that period.

Mr. LaCamera, however, objected to this "because I think every employee should be treated the same." Selectman Parker shared her opinion by stating that "I agree with Mr. LaCamera. The rules are the rules and you've got to take it" as well as that it's important to "keep the contract consistent with everybody else."

It was decided that the matter would continue to be addressed at a later date.

Next on the agenda, Mr. Allen Decker addressed the Board regarding two Conservation Restrictions. Mr. Decker asked that the Board approve and endorse the McPhail and Gurney Conservation Restrictions, which they did in the form of a motion.

Mr. LaCamera then offered the Town Administrator's report. He informed the Board of the progress in the Affordable Housing Project, stating that the second phase is now underway and that a draft will be available for the Board by December 6, 2009.

Also, a fire truck has been ordered for the Town.

Under Correspondence, Lee G. Carr sent a notice of resignation from the Historic District Commission. Mr. LaCamera then said that the Historic District Committee is seeking volunteers and that he will be accepting letters

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Police Chief Magee also sent a letter stating that all Rochester dogs have been licensed for the year 2009. Another letter from Chief Magee informed the Board of the recently awarded $8,400 traffic enforcement grant.

Selectmen's Meetings are scheduled for December 7 and 21, 2009. The Tree Lighting in Rochester will be held December 7, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further matters in need of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Mattapoisett Selectmen Meeting

November 24, 2009

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Jordan C. Collyer on November 24, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance were Selectmen Paul A. Silva and George Randall, Town Administrator Michael Gagne', and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco.

The minutes of the November 10 meeting, both open and executive session, were approved.

The Board voted to appoint Jeffrey P. Sanders of 12 Fairview Drive as a new member to the Mattapoisett Housing Partnership. Mr. Sanders is a graduate of the ORR school system, and after law school, returned to Mattapoisett and currently practices law in New Bedford.

The Board then voted to increase the Town's

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The first appointment of the evening was with Randall Kunz, retired Rochester Town Planner. Mr. Kunz wished to introduce himself to the Board formally. Mr. Kunz will be the town's Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) representative and will also take over the role as representative at SouthCoast Rail.

"I want to make sure that I am representing the town," said Mr. Kunz. "I am happy to serve."

In the next scheduled meeting, Alan Decker represented the Coalition for Buzzard's Bay seeking the Board's support in written consent for the conservation restriction of 84 Long Plain Rd. The 21-acre parcel contains one property and only has about 1.5 acres in Mattapoisett, with the rest of the land being in Rochester. The property belongs to Linda and John Gurney, who are willing to forgo the possibilities of subdividing the property into 4 parcels in favor of donating a restriction to the Coalition and the Rochester Land Trust. Since the property has a sliver of frontage in Mattapoisett, they require permission from both Mattapoisett and Rochester before proceeding.

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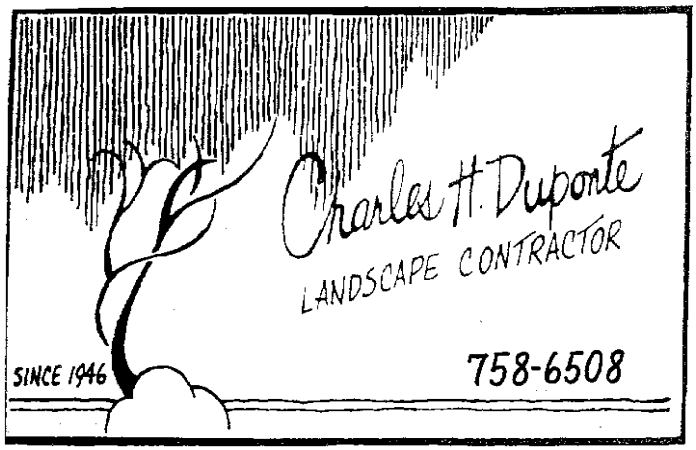

have room to create one more buildable lot, but the rest will be conserved.

The Board voted to support this effort and signed the necessary paperwork. "On behalf of the Coalition for Buzzard's Bay, the Rochester Land Trust, and our sister group the Mattapoisett Land Trust, we thank you," said Mr. Decker.

Commander Michael Lamoureux came before the Board to read a letter of thanks from the Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion to the Mattapoisett Police Department Color Guard at the November 11 Veteran's Day event at Old Hammondtown School.

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The Board then met with Highway Surveyor Barry Denham, who requested support from the Board in his Chapter 90 request for the purchase of new equipment. Chapter 90 funds are typically used to pave roads, but Mr. Denham was coming before the Board to request the use of Chapter 90 to purchase a machine coal planer. The requested equipment would be able to double as a mower with a different attachment in the warm season. "It will do a number of things besides planing," said Mr. Denham, who said that there is currently no machine in the Highway Department that can fit a coal planer attachment.

"We need to be as fiscally responsible as possible when we don't get that much Chapter 9 to start with," said Chairman Collyer. The Board wanted to know the benefit of purchasing equipment over renting. Mr. Denham said that renting fees were "astronomical" and that purchasing the equipment would actually be more cost-effective in the long run since it would lower paving costs per foot.

After running numbers, the Board determined that the town would actually save money, even in the short term, with the purchase of the equipment versus renting. Selectmen Silva said that his approval of the purchase would be contingent upon Mr. Denham's confirmation that the equipment wouldn't result in need for more manpower. Mr. Denham said that he would be able to run the equipment without extra hours.

The Board voted to approve the Chapter 90 request.

In Selectmen discussion items, the Board received a letter from Attorney Jan Dabrowski stating that the current owner of the land in the area of Mattapoisett

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Neck Road will not consent to letting the town use the property for bike path parking. Mr. Gagne' suggested putting the item under old business and asking Mr. Kunz for his opinion in ways that they could seeking parking elsewhere.

In Notes and Announcements, Ms. Pacheco informed the Board that:

• The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen will take place on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

• The Town of Mattapoisett will be sponsoring their 4th annual "Village Stroll and Holiday in the Park" on Saturday, December 5 from 11:00 to 1:00 pm at Shipyard Park. Santa will arrive with his friends at around 11:30 am and the Town will collect gifts to help the needy children of Mattapoisett that day.

• New winter hours for the transfer station will begin on the week of November 30. The new hours are: Thursday and Friday from 9:00 to 3:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 to 3:00 pm.

• The Town Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday, November 27.

In the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Gagne' informed the Board that the Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, May 10, and if necessary, will continue on May 11 and 12. The deadline for submission of articles is February 1 for proper review.

Mr. Gagne' also presented the Board with a snow

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closure/delay policy, which was developed with town department heads. In the event of snow a "calling tree" will be used to inform town employees of closure. The Board voted to approve this policy.

Chairman Collyer wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged safe travels.

There being no more business, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Rochester Planning Board

November 24, 2009

By Adam Silva

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Board was called to order by Gary Florindo at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at the Rochester Town Hall. Also in attendance were Board Members Robert Cummings, John DeMaggio, Chris Byron and Colin Kelley and Planning Board Secretary Shirley Darcy. Chairman Arnold Johnson arrived at 7:45 pm. Member Stephen Healy was not in attendance.

The minutes for November 10 and 14, 2009 were approved. A site visit to the Seamass energy plant was scheduled for the Board Members for the morning of December 5.

A continued public hearing for a special permit for the "Forest Landing" on New Bedford Road that was scheduled for 7:30 pm did not take place, as Board Member Stephen Healy was not in attendance. Mr. Healy had already missed one meeting of the on the subject, which is allowed, as long as the member is brought up to speed at the next meeting. If Mr. Healy missed this one as well, he would not be allowed to vote or take part in the hearing, so the Board did not open the discussion, thus not forcing another absence upon Mr. Healy.

Due to the fact that the "Forest Landing" was not attended to, a special meeting will most likely take place on Monday, December 7, although the location was not certain. Mr. Cummings suggested the Rochester Police Station, but was reminded that it would need to be held in a public place. The Rochester Senior Center was suggested, but the Board agreed Rochester Memorial School would probably be the best place for it. A definitive answer was not available, as it needs to be cleared with the school.

Bonnie Belair met with the Board on behalf of the American Tower Company at 7:45 pm for a public hearing. Currently, a 97-foot cell phone tower resides in Rochester, allowing service for Sprint, Nextel and Metro

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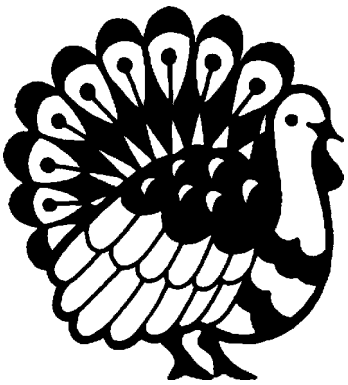

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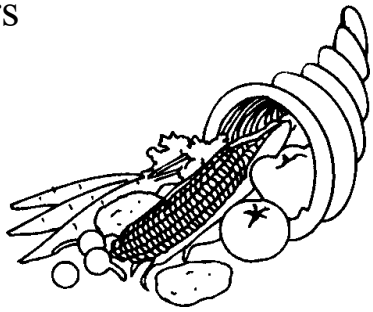

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Ms. Belair did not have the survey review from the FAA/FCC that would be necessary for this project to move forward. The Board did not come to a decision, but said it would come to one once all paperwork was submitted and the group would come together once again.

The motion to adjourn was set by Mr. Cummings and seconded by Mr. Florindo at 8:12 pm.

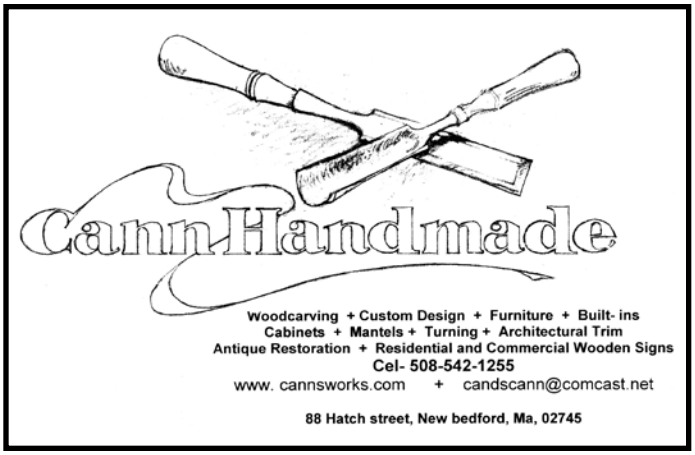
Marion School Committee

November 18, 2009

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A scheduled meeting of the Marion School Committee was brought to order by Chairperson Jane McCarthy on November 18, 2009 in the Town House. Also in attendance were Committee members Joe Scott, Brad Gordon, Jay Patekos, Christine Winters, Superintendent Dr. William Cooper, School Business Administrator Kathleen Isernio, Director of Student Services Teresa Hamm, Interim Principal Lyn Rivet and members of Volunteers at Sippican Elementary (VASE).

In the Chairperson's report, Ms. McCarthy informed the Committee that a letter of thanks had been



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sent to Interim Principal Lyn Rivet's daughter Megan for helping clean out the Sippican School book room over the course of 40-50 volunteer hours over the summer.

Ms. McCarthy attended a program on the "Role of the School Committee Chair" at the annual Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) conference in Hyannis. The informative session included information on regionalization, special education, and "virtual high school".

Ms. McCarthy also mentioned a meeting with the Tri-Town Administrators and members of the Financial Committee to discuss the upcoming budget season. "That was not very positive," said Ms. McCarthy. "This upcoming year is going to be the worst."

In his Superintendent's report, Dr. Cooper updated the Committee on the continuing issues of sickness and absenteeism in the Sippican School and the Old Rochester Regional District at large. After absenteeism peaked with 68 students absent from Sippican School on November 20, the numbers have scaled back. According to Dr. Cooper, public health

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officials claim that the flu affecting Tri-Town students is "definitely H1N1. This is going to ebb and flow throughout the winter," Dr. Cooper said, in regards to the absentee rates.

Dr. Cooper said that there was "considerable sadness" in the community over the sudden death of Steve Shiraka, Director of Facilities for the ORR region. Mr. Shiraka suffered an apparent heart attack on November 21 at the age of 54. He has held the position of Director of Facilities since 2001; prior to that, he was Head of Maintenance at ORRHS.

"He was a terrific colleague, a wonderful family man, and a very able person who knew a lot," said Dr. Cooper. "He was very dependable. Middle-of-the-night disasters – he was the first one there."

Brad Gordon, a member of the Sippican School building committee who worked closely with Mr. Shiraka, agreed with Dr. Cooper. "It was a pleasure to work with him and he will be missed."

Dr. Cooper said that they have started the budget process for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11). So far, the state aid picture is getting worse and the Tri-Town town administrators think that there will be further cuts announced in January and February for FY10. Budgeting is "an onerous task, no question," said Dr. Cooper. "We try to prolong the process as long as possible. You need to know where the state is before you make a budget."

In the Principal's report, Interim Principal Lyn

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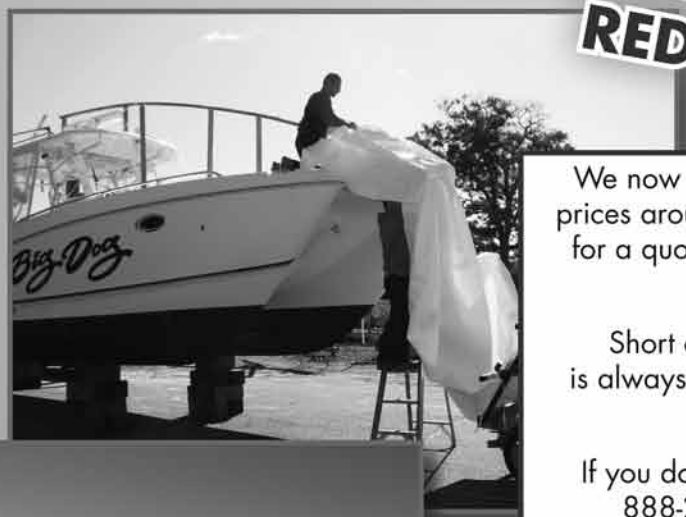

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Rivet said she has been visiting school systems in the state that are similar to Marion – systems like Cohasset, Franklin and Sandwich – in hopes to observe trends and gain information that could help improve MCAS scores for the 2009/2010 school year. The schools observed were selected based on comparable AYP scores, and information gained from the visits will be put into a data grid for the Committee to observe in the December 16 meeting.

Ms. Rivet said that there had been a student council meeting since the Committee last met. At the Council meeting, they discussed school improvement goals and the student handbook, which has not been revised since 1992. Among several issues that Ms. Rivet would like to revisit and revise with the students is the bullying policy, especially in light of the anti-bullying bill that Massachusetts legislature is considering, which would require all schools to report instances of bullying to the state.

While the changes seemed apt, Ms. McCarthy reminded Ms. Rivet that any changes to the student handbook would have to be approved by the Committee.

Ms. Rivet continues to work on the bussing situation. The Sippican School is currently operating with one bus fewer than they need. Consequently, the crowding situation on busses is leading to misbehavior, mostly of a verbal nature. Ms. Rivet said that she has spoken with the students about acting respectfully on the problem bus. She also placed a camera on the particularly crowded, troublesome bus, to see how bad the situation is, and how it can be addressed. In serious cases of misbehavior, Ms. Rivet has sent slips home to the parents.

The minutes of the October 21, 2009 Marion School Committee were approved.

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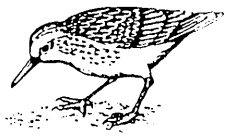

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requested a simple transfer of $11,000 from Program 10 for contractual increases and personnel degree changes. The Committee voted to approve this change.

In General business, Dr. Cooper said that the school's HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) system produced another flood in the last two months. Mr. Shiraka had started the process of finding the source by contacting Bosco and received a $1,600 quote for the inspection of 18 remaining coils. What the quote would include is the assessment of the coils and determination if the floods are resulting from faulty parts or workmanship, though Ms. Isernio doesn't think any legal recourse is likely. The assessment would also determine what work needs to be done to the HVAC system to avoid future

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Dr. Cooper was especially concerned with the possibility of another coil malfunctioning and causing a flood on the top floor of the building, which could cause serious damage to all the floors below. "We need to get this fixed as quickly as we can," said Mr. Gordon.

Unfortunately, a lot of these building issues will have to be addressed with contractors at an added cost in Mr. Shiraka's absence.

The Committee then voted to approve the resurfacing of the front and side Sippican School playgrounds with 60 yards and 30 yards of "fortified wood fiber" respectively. There is over $4,500 left in the playground maintenance account that was started when the front playground was built, which will fund the resurfacing. The Committee will also seek quotes for the spreading of the "fortified wood fiber", since volunteers who spread 60 yards of the product last year found the task overwhelming. 50% replacement of the wood chips at the playground is necessary every other year.

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The Committee then approved the 5 School Committee goals as detailed in the October 21 meeting.

Under the Building Subcommittee update, Mr. Gordon informed the Committee that there has not been a meeting yet. There has been a little bit of a hindrance with the cafeteria swipe cards since personnel has been out with sickness and injuries, but once the necessary data is entered and personnel is trained, they will embrace the new method of payment.

In the ORR District Committee update, Mr. Scott informed the Committee that Marion resident Brian Heacox received the prestigious Superintendent's Choice Award. "He's an outstanding young man," said Mr. Scott, "and an excellent representative of our town."

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In the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) update, Mr. Patekos told the Committee that SMEC supported professional development with a program called "10 Behavioral Tip for the Trenches".

At the end of the meeting, the Committee voted to allocate $4,400 from the rental fund to the construction of a back playground pending approval of the building subcommittee. VASE will supply the difference, $19,409, for the playground, but a decision has to be made by December 15 for VASE to accept the proposal that they want. The playground's upkeep will be funded by rental fund, which can only be used for upkeep of existing facilities. The new playground will be installed in spring.

The Committee voted to go into executive session to discuss non-union litigation at 7:59 pm.

Joint School Committee

November 19, 2009

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A scheduled meeting of the Old Rochester Regional District School and Massachusetts School Superintendency Union #55 Joint Committee Meeting was called to order by Union Committee Chairperson Sharon Hartley and ORR District Committee Chairperson Peter Bangs on November 19, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Also in attendance were District Committee members Robin Rounseville, Virginia Beams, Joseph Scott, and Paula Meere, and Union Committee members Christine Winters, Jane McCarthy, Gracinda Knox, Charles Motta, Donna LaLiberte, and Tina Rood, Superintendent William Cooper, Director of Student Services Teresa Hamm. Diana Russo took minutes of the meeting.

The Joint Committee observed a moment of silence for Facilities Manager Steve Shiraka, who passed away suddenly on November 13, 2009.

Ms. Hartley informed the Committee that negotiations for Douglas White, the incoming superintendent to the ORR district, are complete and Mr. White will begin a transition into the position over the course of December and January. Dr. Cooper, who planned on retiring on December 31, will remain in his

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Marcia Kessler delivered an update on the Common Assessment Project that has been funded by ARRA grant money. Ms. Kessler has been working on a "growth model" to measure the development of individual students. According to Ms. Kessler, "growth is distinct from achievement"; the purpose of her work is to determine a student's own growth curve by comparing their progress to carefully selected academic peers. Their growth is subject, grade, and year specific.

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With this information, Ms. Kessler said they can determine a student's progress separate from his achievement; for example, a student who receives a "needs improvement" MCAS score may show that he has progressed further than a "proficient" student based on their rate of personal improvement.

As more years of MCAS information is gathered, there will be even more useful data for future student assessment. The Common Formative Assessment project also encourages high-achieving students to continue on their own curve. In fact, Ms. Kessler said that " higher achieving/lower growing students can be just as distressing" as lower-achieving students if their personal improvement is stagnant.

Ms. Kessler's project will mean a lot for the future of effective education and teacher accountability. The assessment tracks the personal progress of students and whole classes over time, paying special attention to their Math and English/Language/ Arts (ELA) scores. If various classes show "growth disparities," it will give the school an opportunity to improve the effectiveness of less-effective teachers through professional development.

Ms. Kessler also sat down with groups of teachers to simplify the language in Massachusetts power standards and color-coded the standards according to what MCAS data says are ORR strengths and weaknesses. The conclusion was that, regardless of what teachers have become used to, all grade school teachers in the ORR district should be teaching the same exact standards on the same timeline for unity.

"I'm looking to close the gap between the three towns," Ms. Kessler said. Teachers at ORRJHS are often faced with 3 different ability levels when Marion,

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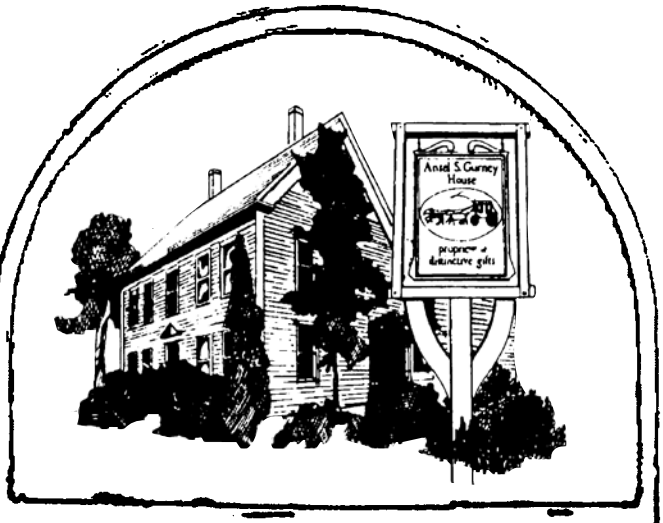

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Ms. Kessler also hopes that the assessment will address all abilities levels and will clarify pedagogical expectations, thereby reducing educational invention needs.

Dr. Bangs said that he was "very impressed" by Ms. Kessler's presentation, and Ms. Hartley described the information as a "huge achievement."

The Committee then received a presentation from Jane Taylor, Early Childhood Coordinator to the Tri-Town. Ms. Taylor is retiring from her position this year, and due to a dwindling grant, her position will not be filled.

Ms. Taylor outlined all the services her office has provided, from arranging playdates to transitioning young children into school, screening for delays and more. She showed how busy her office has been and how necessary the resource has been to young families in the Tri-Town. Her office coordinates parenting series and works with "Project GROW".

"Research shows over and over that families who have a realistic expectation of their children developmentally have children who show up to school ready to learn," said Ms. Taylor. Her early childhood office helps parents know what to expect from children and how to approach early education.

Ms. Taylor hoped that the Committee would remember the importance of her office and would consider re-funding the effort once the state's budget constraints have eased.

"It's sobering that we have gotten to this point," Ms. Hartley said in regards to their inability to fill Ms. Taylor's absence.

After a ten-minute recess, the Joint Committee heard from James Shillinglaw from the Walker School, which deals with emotionally, behaviorally, and learning disabled students. After interviewing faculty, parents, community members and principals within the ORR district, Mr. Shillinglaw constructed a list of areas where ORR needs to improve.

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According to Mr. Shillinglaw, the district has admirably embraced the "inclusion model" with each school having an "inclusion facilitator" for children who need extra guidance. The district could, however, benefit from professional education to encourage educators to help "invisible LDs", that is, students who are not obviously affected by their learning disabilities and sometimes fall through the cracks through lack of accommodating.

Likewise, the Committee addressed the use of accommodations as being a tool to "level the playing field", but it has sometimes been used as a form of advantage. Accommodations like preferential seating and untimed testing are occasionally overused in the

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School Report

Featured Teacher: Mrs. Dall

By Anne Smith

Every student at ORR knows Mrs. Dall, even if they don't have her as a teacher. She's constantly visiting other English classes, talking to students, and listening to readings in the creative writing classes. As one walks down the English hallway, they can't help but notice Mrs. Dall working both in and around her classroom. Sometimes she even conducts class assignments out in the hall; occasionally one of her desks sits by the lockers. But even if every student is familiar with Mrs. Dall, there are many things about her that remain a mystery. For example, did you know that Mrs. Dall played field hockey in high school and held the scoring record? Did you know that she also held the girl's record for the obstacle course? Or how about this one: Mrs. Dall considers learning how to drive one of the worst things about her high school experience. I bet you didn't know that!

But there's more to Mrs. Dall than the high school experiences she keeps hidden. She's quite proud to be working at ORR. "I wake up every school morning excited about getting there, and I usually spend my time in the shower or putting on my mascara thinking about

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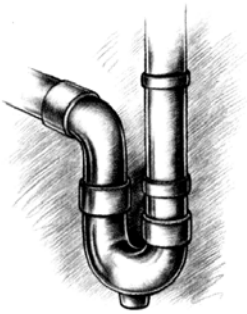

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how to make a lesson more effective or generally how to make the school day better for my students," Mrs. Dall said. As far as teachers go, Mrs. Dall is sincere about trying to be a positive influence in her students' lives. "I try to instill in my students hope, vision, and idealism, as well as a love of the arts, and an appreciation for the wonders of the imagination."

Of course, it was a long process for Mrs. Dall to become department head. She earned a degree in English from Salve Regina University, a Masters in Professional Writing from UMass, and did graduate studies in Shakespeare at the Shakespeare Institute of America. In terms of teaching, Mrs. Dall started her career at Weymouth High School. She then moved to

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Rochester, where she became a stay-at-home mom for thirteen years. "I was never too far away from teaching, however, volunteering at RMS, teaching creative writing, establishing and teaching a Junior Great Books Program, as well as teaching the Confirmation class at my church," Mrs. Dall said. Mrs. Dall went back to teaching after filling a half-year maternity leave for someone at New Bedford High School. After that, an English position opened at ORR, and Mrs. Dall has been teaching there ever since.

About nine years ago, the former English department head retired, and Mrs. Dall applied for the position because she was interested in continuing the work of the department. "The work is challenging but very important in keeping the quality of our academic program and actively participating in important decisions that affect our students," Mrs. Dall said.

Mrs. Dall's opinion of ORR is very positive, and she tries to inspire this attitude in her students. "We are very fortunate to live where we do; we have an ocean and fields and trees and relatively clean air and safe streets. Most of our students are well cared for and that makes life and school better for everyone," Mrs. Dall describes the ORR community. She is also happy with the variety of courses that are offered to students of all academic levels, as well as the challenging AP classes. But Mrs. Dall also sees another important side of ORR, beyond the preparation students receive for college – good classroom experiences. "I … have a lot of fun in class, and you can't beat that," she said. "The focus is increasingly on grades and scores. Schools should foster a love of learning and critical and creative thinking; that is what I try to do in my classroom."

The classes that Mrs. Dall teaches are AP English Language and Composition (for juniors), Creative 12A English, Media Literacy, and Journalism. Creative 12A and Media Literacy are classes that Mrs. Dall created on her own. "I'm especially proud of the fact that I created the Creative 12 class 22 years ago, and it is still running and has made for a very positive experience for seniors who bring to the course their creative leanings, their talents, and their openness to the arts," Mrs. Dall said.

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Mrs. Dall says that if she could, she would like to teach an anthropology course. "[It's] a subject in which I have done a lot of deep reading and one which I find fascinating," Mrs. Dall said. "[I] know that students would, as well."

On top of being the English department head, Mrs. Dall is the advisor for the National Honor Society. "It gives me the opportunity to help recognize outstanding students and to promote the NHS qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character within the school," Mrs. Dall said of her involvement. "Working with students who want to lead and want to answer the many calls of service is exhilarating." And the NHS really is a group of students who want to make a difference with their hard work. Every year they organize a Red Cross Blood Drive, a Thanksgiving Drive, put up a Giving Tree for the New Bedford Child and Family Services, do a Day of Caring with the United Way, help with the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour, serve as student guides for school events, and provide tutoring.

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Back when Mrs. Dall was a senior in high school, she was the President of the Pep Squad and therefore helped plan rallies and organized for groups of students to attend games to support the sports teams. Now as a teacher, Mrs. Dall is still supporting her students, both in class and through her community service.

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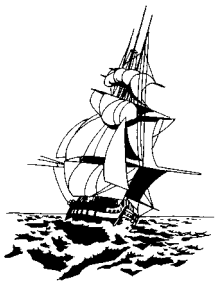

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Most of all, thank you to the families who sifted through closets and attics to donate cribs, safety gates, car seats, clothes, bicycles, bookshelves, toys and books. The need is great and all of the donations are and will be further appreciated.

Volunteers will now sort through items at the mill and put together packs to donate to children in need. Donations are accepted year round and volunteers are always needed. To learn more about ways you can help, and to view pictures from the day of the event, please visit www.giftstogive.org or e-mail Rebecca at rebecca@giftstogive.org.

This was truly a team effort and none of it could have been achieved without your help.

Have a wonderful holiday season,

ORR student organizers: Rebecca Ivester and Christine Beatriz

To the Editor:

Mattapoisett is a popular summer vacation spot made up of ocean front beach communities and a downtown. The ocean-front residents have complained of high assessment values created by the sales activity that occurred along the waterfront prior to real estate reevaluations. The Town of Mattapoisett is sticking to its most recent assessments.

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recent example is the four of five ocean-front homes on a town-owned dirt road on Brandt Island Road, which received $400,000 in road and environmental upgrades like town water, sewage and road upgrades, have also in the past few years been made in many of the beach communities all of which simply reflect this substantial increase in market value.

The residents and the town should review the data that include new roads, environmental improvements, drainage systems, water and sewage in future assessments.

Thanks,
Frank Haggerty
126 Brandt Island Road
Mattapoisett, Ma 02739

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The Wanderer gladly accepts any and all news and press release items from local non-profit organizations for publication on a weekly basis. The deadline for submission of said items is Monday at 12:00 noon for publication in that week's edition. Due to the increasing number of submissions, however, publication of press material is never guaranteed. *The Wanderer* will make every effort to publish timely news items and announcements as the subject warrants and as often as spacing allows. All press material must be submitted in writing via fax (508-758-4845), e-mail (news@wanderer.com) or mail (*The Wanderer*, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739), and must be typed or word-processed. We cannot accept any handwritten material or news items via telephone, no matter how brief.

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Community Giving Guide

The Wanderer is pleased to announce its first-ever Community Giving Guide, to be published in an upcoming edition. If your nonprofit organization needs an angel this winter, submit your wish list to us. Please

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Rochester Annual Holiday Celebration

Join us in Rochester Center for our annual Holiday Celebration on **December 5** from 11:00 to 2:00 pm. The Plumb Library, Congregational Church, and Plumb Corner Mall have joined together again this year to present a day of fun and fellowship.

The Plumb Library will have their open house with carolers, a bake sale, a silent auction, crafts and refreshments.

The Hitching Post, Mayflower Bank, and Bev Loves Books will collect new, unwrapped toys for area children, and will host a cookie-decorating session. Thanks to Dave Souza, a hayride will make its way around the center.

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Stroll into the Mattapoisett Museum

The Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House will be open to the public from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on **December 5** for an Annual Village Stroll. The museum will give you a chance to attend the festivities in the park and then stroll up to the museum to hear songs and stories. There will be punch and cookies and the museum will be decorated for the holidays. It will also be an opportunity to purchase some unique Christmas gifts such as our calendar featuring reproductions of old glass slides of Mattapoisett at the turn of the century, our special publications such as the Walk Books, Postcard Memories of Mattapoisett, or a set of five DVD lectures on Mattapoisett history done by our Seth Mendell. Make sure you stop by!

Mattapoisett Sustainability Club Energy Tips

Did you know that fluorescent Christmas lights are now available? And so are LED Christmas lights. How much energy does your display use? If your traditional Christmas light display costs you $75 in electric bills each season, your costs could be cut way down and you could save $65 - 70 just by switching to the fluorescent Christmas lights. LED lights are more expensive to buy… but the electricity costs are even lower: 1$ in electricity for the whole season.

This was only one of many bits of information presented at last weeks Home Energy Saving Seminar. The talk was sponsored by the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, Mattapoisett Sustainability Club, and the Center School. A representative from Massachusetts Municipal Association talked about saving heating money and being more comfortable by reducing air leaks in house attics, walls, and windows. Replacing a 1970's era refrigerator will pay for itself in a very short time. Perhaps the most important thing you can do is call N Star for your free home energy audit at 1-800-632-8300. Someone will be scheduled to come to your house, give you free fluorescent bulbs, and show you the most likely places for you to make improvements and save money.

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Come to the next meeting of the Mattapoisett Sustainability Club on **December 8** at the Mattapoisett Library at 6:30 PM and learn more energy saving tips.

Tri-County Symphonic Band

The Tri-Town Symphonic Band Annual Children's Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, **December 13** at 1:30 pm in the Sippican School, 16 Spring Street, Marion. Celebrate the holidays with a free concert featuring an assortment of festive arrangements including Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride". We are delighted to bring back the Sippican School Festival Choir as they lift their voices with the band and invite everyone in on a Sing-a-Long. We hope you can join us for this family-oriented, fun-filled afternoon. For more information, visit www.TriCountySymphonicBand.org.

Nasketucket Bird Club

The Christmas Bird Count for the Nasketucket Bird Club will be on Saturday morning, **December 19**. Everyone interested in participating will gather at the southwest side of Fairhaven's Stop and Shop Parking lot at 7:00 am. The count, which takes place mostly on Sconticut Neck, will be followed by a pot-luck supper.

For more information, call Mike Labossiere at (508) 863-5658.

Rochester Historic Commission

The Board of Selectmen is seeking volunteers to serve on the Historic District Commission. The District operates under the Design Guidelines that changes should be compatible with the building and settings in the District. Members review projects in a meaningful and consistent manner. Letters of interest should be sent to Richard LaCamera, Town Administrator, 1 Constitution Way.

Mattapoisett Seasonal Flu Clinic

A Mattapoisett Seasonal Flu Clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, **December 1**, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Social and Wellness Center at 17 Barstow Street. This clinic is for Mattapoisett residents only ages 50 years and

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The Magic of Christmas at St. Anthony's

St. Anthony's Church is holding its 44th Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, **December 5**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. St. Anthony's is located on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. It is wonderful to reflect on the many young people who have benefited with scholarship funds earned from proceeds of the fair. For the first time, the fair will be co-presented by the parishes of St. Anthony's and St. Rita's of Marion who both share Fr. Paul Caron as pastor.

There will be many familiar features at the fair but new ideas to inspire your shopping. Start your day with a morning pick-me-up at the Christmas Cafe and enjoy a fresh malasada. After, enjoy a hearty lunch including Shepherd's pie. Find unique gifts at the Gift Boutique, fresh greens and trimmings to decorate your home, delicious Christmas treats from the Candy and Bake Table, and the always-delightful Children's Room for the young shoppers, and Santa Craft workshop for young elves. A limited edition, hand-painted ornament reflecting the Magic of Christmas with Jesus in the Manger, can be personalized for gift giving. Reserve yours today by calling Natalie Tabor at (508) 758-6263.

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Santa arrives at 9:30 am to delight the child in everyone, and a photographer will be on hand to capture the joy. Please join us and support the many efforts of the committees and continue funding for scholarships while experiencing the Magic of Christmas – it's the perfect way to start your day before and after the Town Tree Lighting. Contact Barbara Ketchel with any questions: (508) 758-9593

Machacam Club

Machacam Club will hold its December meeting on **December 4** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm, and dinner service at 6:00 pm.

Our speaker this month will be Charlie Poekel, author of the book entitled *Babe and the Kid*. The book presents the legendary story of Babe Ruth and Johnny Sylvester, which resulted in the heart warming and now famous home-run in game 4 of the 1926 World Series. Charlie will also discuss his relationship with the Babe's daughter Julia Ruth Stevens, who was so impressed with the book that she contributed the Foreword to Charlie. This program was made possible by Seth Mendell. I have asked Charlie to bring a small supply of his book to the

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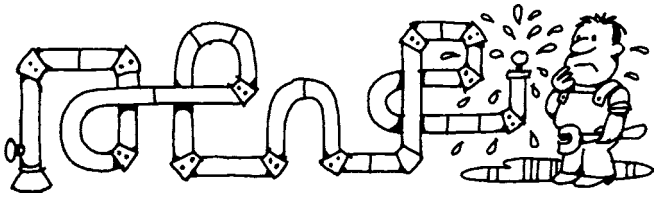
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Mattapoisett Road Race Needs Members

The Mattapoisett Road Race Committee recently met to begin planning for the 40th Independence Day Road Race! This year's race will be held on Saturday, July 3, 2010 to avoid conflict with Sunday church services.

Since its inception, over $100,000 in proceeds from the Race have been awarded to graduating seniors at ORR. Because this is our 40th year, the Committee is interested in collecting information and pictures that chronicle the history of the past 4 decades of Mattapoisett road races. We also welcome having interested people join the Committee to promote this worthy endeavor!

Anyone willing to share history of the Road Race, or anyone willing to help plan next year's event, please contact Karen Manning at (508) 758-9419, or e-mail kdmanning1@yahoo.com.

Mattapoisett Town Holiday Celebration

On **December 5**, 2009, the community will once again pull together to create a day of family fun and celebration. The town holiday celebration will take place from 11:00 to 1:00 pm in Shipyard Park. In the spirit of Christmas and the holidays, Mattapoisett has always held a day of celebration complete with a visit from Santa and town tree lighting.

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Chuck Michaud Arena Opening

The Chuck Michaud Arena will open on **December 5**, 2009 at noon. The arena was built with private funds and constructed by volunteer workers. It is located behind Old Rochester Regional Junior High and will be used for roller hockey, basketball, lacrosse and other sports. The facility will be especially useful for the ORR physical education classes. The arena will be named after the late Chuck Michaud, a teacher assistant who was also a dynamic and well-loved ice hockey, football, and

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If you have any questions, contact Rory McFee at (508) 758-9002 or Jason Medeiros at (508) 728-6285.

Mattapoisett Relay for Life Workshop

The holiday season is approaching fast – Christmas is just around the corner. Who wouldn't love to receive a handmade gift from their children or grandchildren?

The Relay For Life of Tri-Town Planning Committee will host the 3rd Annual Holiday Workshop on Sunday, **December 6** at Center School, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett from 11:00 - 3:00 pm where the kids can make a special gift for a loved one. There will be kid's crafts, face painting, snacks, Chinese auction, bake sale and much, much more. Come see Santa from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Suggested Donation: $6.00 per child. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Tri-Town for cancer research, advocacy and patient services. Happy Holidays!

ORR High School Craft Fair

There will be a Harvest Craft Fair at Old Rochester Regional High School on **December 3**, 2009 from 3:00 to 6:30 pm in the ORR High School Lobby. There will be photography, jewelry, ornaments, sea glass, hand-woven baskets, baked goods, and more. For more information, call (508) 758-3745.

Marion Town Clerk News

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If you have any questions, please call our office at (508) 748-3502.

• **Absentee ballots** are now available at the Marion Town Clerk's office for the upcoming State Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, **December 8**, 2009 at the Music Hall, 164 Front Street.

You may vote by absentee ballot if:

• You will be absent from your city or town on election day, and/or

• You have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place, and/or

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Mattapoisett Town Clerk Notice

Absentee Ballots for the State Primary to be held on Tuesday **December 8**, 2009 have been received. If you will not be able to cast your vote in person on the day of the election you may do so by absentee ballot. The last day and time to request an absentee ballot is noon on Monday **December 7**, 2009, the day before the election. The election will be held at Old Hammondtown School on Shaw Street and the polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please call the office if you have any questions. - Barbara A. Sullivan, Town Clerk

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MILESTONES

Obituaries:

William D. Armitage, 90 of Punta Gorda, FL, formerly of Bergenfield, NJ and Mattapoisett, MA, passed away November 14, 2009. He was born November 18, 1918 in New Bedford, MA to William and Agnes Armitage. Mr. Armitage was a WWII Army Veteran. He worked as a Textile Engineer for Burlington Industries retiring in 1971. In Bergenfield he served as Councilman, Fire Commissioner, and Mayor. He was a member of the Old South Presbyterian Church, where he was a Ruling Elder. After retiring, he moved to Mattapoisett, MA where he served on the Council of Aging and was a member of the Lions Club. He was a member of the Congregational Church where he served as treasurer. He moved to Punta Gorda in 2007 where he was active in the Lions Club and Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by his sons, William(Jane) Armitage III and Richard(Deborah)Armitage, all of Punta Gorda,FL; grandchildren, William(Amy) ArmitageIV,Heather(Edward) Szmigiel, Seth Armitage and Megan Armitage; great grandchildren, Gianna,Zakary and Ryan; his brother, James Armitage. He is preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Frances Armitage and brother Russell Armitage.

A Memorial Service will be held in the spring in Mattapoisett, MA. The family requests donations in memory of William to Meals on Wheels, 3082 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952. Please visit kays-ponger.com to leave the family condolences and to sign the online guestbook. Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home, Punta Gorda chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

MacGregor Fiske, 75, a retired Providence Journal Co. copy editor, avid sailboater and long-time horseman, died Wednesday (11/11/09) at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, with his family at his side after suffering a heart attack Monday at his home in Rochester, MA. He was the husband of Mary MCann Fiske.

He was born on April 18, 1934, in Newton, MA., the only child of the late Richard E. and Jean Macgregor Fiske. Mr. Fiske was a fourth-generation newspaperman in his family, following the careers of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather who were employed by the Associated Press, and The New York Times and The Boston Globe, among other newspapers.

After graduating high school in Newton, MA, in 1952, he became a Merchant Mariner going through the Panama Canal on the U.S. President Polk, He came home to enlist in the U.S. Army early in 1953 and served in Korea. Following his discharge, He returned home and attended Northeastern University where he picked up in sports as he had left high school, as a pitcher on the university's baseball team. After a few semesters, he became a Boston Harbor Pilots apprentice, serving as a crewman on the pilots' 137-foot wood schooner. Following family tradition, Mr. Fiske started as a sportswriter at The Framingham, MA, News so he wouldn't be away at sea from his young family, and he became sports editor at the newspaper. He later became news editor at The South Middlesex News.

In 1975, he was employed by the Providence Journal Co., where he worked mostly on the main copy desk of the former Evening Bulletin until he retired in 1996. He continued to work part-time as a copy editor at The Metro West Daily News in Massachusetts, until last year.

Mr. Fiske's devotion to horses began with a boyhood wish to be a cowboy. He mucked out horse stalls to earn riding lessons. He kept an aged mare and a donkey at his small farm in Rochester.

He was "the Marboro Man who could recite poetry," recalls Donita Naylor, a reporter and long-time editor at The Providence Journal. She added that he set a high standard for excuses about being late to work. "One cold winter morning she said he was late for work because his horses and goats had fallen asleep on their feet, and he had to chop their feet

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out of the ice." Mr. Fiske was tall, slim, and ruggedly handsome with a pencil-thin mustache, another former co-worker recalled. He always maintained a cool demeanor, whether wrangling horses, sailing in adverse weather or meeting newsroom deadlines.

He resumed he interest in sailing while employed at the former Evening Bulletin, and owned boats that he moored in Mattapoisett Harbor, MA. A responsible and prudent sailor, he nevertheless could regale coworkers with stories about misadventures under sail, including nearly smashing into the de-activated Bretton Reef light tower in the middle of the night on his first sail into Narragansett Bay.

Besides his wife, Mary, he leaves five children, a son, Richard, of New York City; three daughters, Lauren Brooks and her husband David of West Brookfield, MA., Jean Murray and her husband Stephen of Lakeville, MA., and Charlene Fiske, and her husband Robert Gato of Thompson, CT.; and a stepson, Jules McCann of Jamaica Plain, MA., six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and his former wife, Joan Fitzgerald of West Brookfield, MA, and many loving relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held Wednesday November 18th at 11 a.m. at The Seamen's Bethel, 15 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA. Burial was private. Funeral arrangements were by The Rogers Funeral Home, Cambridge, MA

David A. Pina, 49, of Marion, died November 15, 2009, in Boston Medical Center. His birth parents were the late George and Jenny (Thomas) Pina.

He was born in Wareham and lived in Marion for most of his life. He graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School. Mr. Pina operated David Pina Landscaping, his family's landscaping business in Marion which has been in existence for more than 50 years.

He was an avid outdoorsman and proud Papa of his granddaughter, Madison.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Tangi L. Pina and Lauren A. Pina, both of Marion; his mother, Beatrice (Corey) Pina of Marion; 6 sisters, Janice Skillman of TX, Ann Pina of Washington, D.C., Brenda Barnes, Nada Brooks and Mary Pina, all of Marion, Rose Marie Pina of New Bedford; 6 brothers, George J. Pina of Marion, Alvin Pina of New Bedford, Vincent C. Pina of Newton, Manuel Pina of Wareham, Domingo Pina of Marion and Robert Pina of Wareham; his granddaughter, Madison O. McClendon; and his companion, Michelle Morris of Wareham.

He was predeceased by his father, Vincent G. Pina and his brother, James C. DePina.

Arrangements by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., (Rte. 28), Wareham. For online guestbook, visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

Patricia A. (Rioux) Crossley, 45, of New Bedford, passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at Mass. General Hospital, after a long courageous battle with Leukemia, surrounded by her family. She was the daughter of Jean (Hall) Rioux of Wareham and the late Robert Rioux; she was the step daughter of Debbie Rioux of New Bedford.

She was born in Fall River and lived most of her life in this area. She was a Certified Nurses Aide and Home Health Aide having worked in various local nursing homes.

In her leisure time she enjoyed the beach, Foxwoods and riding her "Harley," but most of all she loved being with her family and grandchildren.

Survivors include her mother and step-mother; her children, Adrian Guillette and his companion, Bonnie Lafleur of New Bedford, Ashley Crossley and her fiance, Brandon Wordell of Dartmouth and Sean Gauthier of New Bedford; her fiance John Lafleur of New Bedford; several grandchildren; three sisters, Diane Ouellette of Rochester, Nancy Young of TX and Linda Rioux of New Bedford; three step sisters, Jen Botelho of Rochester, Jillian Hardy and Jocelyn Rioux, both of New Bedford; and her extended family, Sherri Bumpus, Michael Clark and the Pondo family.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to Leukemia & Lymphoma Soc., MA Chapter, 495 Old Connecticut Path — Ste. 220, Framingham, MA 01701.

In accordance with her wishes, she was cremated. Arrangments were by Rock Funeral Home, New Bedford, MA

Sylvia H. (Howland) Fish, 83, of Mattapoisett died November 17, 2009 at St. Luke's Hospital after a long illness. She was the wife of Abbott W. Fish, Jr.

Born in Walpole, MA, the daughter of the late Ralph and Laura (Garby) Howland, she lived in Walpole while summering in Mattapoisett and Wintering in Sarasota, FL before becoming a permanent resident of Mattapoisett in 1998.

Mrs. Fish was formerly employed as a secretary and buyer for the Century Paper Company in Boston for many years until her retirement. She was a graduate of Penn Hall School and Katherine Gibbs Business School. She enjoyed sailing and golf.

Survivors include her husband; a sister, Phyllis Gowing of Mattapoisett; several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Richard Howland, Robert Howland and Allen Howland.

Her private Funeral Arrangements are with the the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. For on-line guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Stephen V. Shiraka, 54, of East Falmouth, MA passed away unexpectedly in his home on Saturday, November 14. Stephen was the beloved husband of Deborah A. (Ventura) Shiraka for 30 years and a devoted father to his two young daughters.

Though a resident of Falmouth for 25 years, Stephen was born and raised in Worcester, MA; there he graduated from Holy Name Central Catholic High School and attended Quinsigamond Community College.

Stephen was skilled in many trades, from electrical work to magazine writing. His latest position was as a facili-

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The shop is open through **December 23**. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Saturdays, 10:00 to 5:00 pm, and Sundays 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The Marion Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets. Admission is free.

• On Saturday, **November 28**, at 3:00 pm there will be an old-fashioned tea party featuring Kirsten and Singing Bird, American Girls theme, with entertainment, crafts, favors and, of course, "high tea" refreshments. Children should bring a favorite doll or stuffed animal all dressed up and mothers, grandmothers, aunts, uncles, best friends, too! Tickets are $20 for MAC members and $25 non-members. Reservations are required.

• On Sunday, **December 6** there will be a Gingerbread House Decorating party at the Art Center with two seatings only at 1:00 and 3:30 pm. The cost is $35 per house and includes frosting, candy and all decorations plus helpful instructions. Space is limited, and reservations must be made in advance.

• Auditions for *Rumors*, a comedy by Neil Simon, will be held on Sunday, **December 6** at 4:00 pm. The play will be produced in late February/early March of 2010.

• In conjunction with the Sippican Women's Club House Tour, the Marion Art Center will have Carol Lebeaux, silhouette artist, in residence for the day, Saturday, **December 12** from 10:00 to 5:00 pm. These unique hand-cut portraits make a perfect gift.

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ties manager for Old Rochester Regional School District. He was also a writer and contributor for On the Water magazine as well as a frequent lecturer on behalf of the Massachusetts Striped Bass Association.

Stephen's life was shaped by both his love for his wife and daughters as well as his passion for fishing. His dedication to the sport was widely recognized, earning him respect as a local fishing icon. In addition to being an avid fisherman, Stephen was a collector of vintage plugs, a skilled craftsman and illustrator as well as a rock n' roll enthusiast.

Besides his loving wife Deborah, Stephen is survived by his two daughters, Lauren E. and Cara L. Shiraka of East Falmouth, MA; his mother, Rita A. Shiraka-Moss of Worcester, MA; and his older brother, Richard T. Shiraka of Naples, FL.

Stephen was predeceased by his father, John V., his brother John E. and sister, Mary C. Shiraka.

Arrangements were by the Chapman Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 74 Algonquin Ave. at RTE 151 in Mashpee, MA. Burial was private

Donations in Stephen's memory may be made to the Stephen Shiraka Memorial Fund in care of Cape Cod Five, 763 Main St., Falmouth, MA, 02540.

Robak, Sophie M. (Ptaszynski) of Marshfield, formerly of Yarmouth Port and Cambridge, Nov. 21, at the age of 89.

Beloved wife of the late Victor Robak. Dear mother of Phyllis Voit of Rochester, MA, Barbara Gallagher of Marshfield and the late Father Charles Robak. Loving grandmother of Brian Gallagher, Elizabeth Doubleday, Susan Bergstrom, and Daniel Voit. Sister of Mary Szumski of Boston, Jean Dayton of Weymouth, Agnes Iwanow of Quincy, Helen Ptaszynski of Boston and the late Stanley Paxton, Benjamin Ptaszynski and Stella Harris.

Contributions in Sophie's memory may be made to Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA 02360. For online guestbook www.macdonaldfuneralhome.com

Joyce A. (Plowman) Lawrence, 83, of Rochester died Saturday, November 21, 2009, at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. She was the wife of the late George A. Lawrence and the daughter of the late Kenneth B. and Hilda (Specht} Plowman of Lakewood, IL.

She was born in Lakewood, Illinois; graduated from Shelbyville (IL) High School; attended Brown's Business College, Springfield, IL; but lived most of her life in Rochester. She met George Lawrence in her late teens when she traveled to Texas with an older sister whose husband was training there to go overseas. In 1945, after George was liberated from a German POW camp and sent back to the states, she married him and eventually returned with him to Rochester.

As a young woman, she enjoyed local activities including taking handiwork classes and working with the First Congregational Church Sunday School. Her most energetic endeavors, however, focused on improving her home and raising her family. She was also an avid and enthusiastic knitter; her great-grandchildren are still wearing sweaters lovingly knitted for their moms and dads. She thoroughly enjoyed being a grandmother and great-grandmother.

Her survivors include one daughter, Janice Green and husband Merle of Pepperell; two sons, Robert and wife Alicia Crabbe of Rochester and James and wife Jeanne of Meriden, CT; five grandchildren, Robert Lawrence, Jr. of Rochester, Jeffrey Lawrence of Marion, Richard and Michael Green and Jennifer Gavrichev of Pepperell; six great-grandchildren, Madison Lawrence of Rochester, Ashley and Haley Lawrence of Marion, Ella and Anna Green and Alina Gavrichev of Pepperell; two sisters, Wilma Goleman of Shelbyville, IL, and Gwenda Cutler of Altamont, IL; a brother, Kenny Plowman of Chilhowie, VA; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters Barbara Bullock and Marjorie Kessel.

A memorial service will be held at the First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way, Rochester on Saturday, November 28 at 12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA 02472. For directions and on-line guestbook visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

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The Marion Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free. Membership is open to everyone interested in supporting, promoting and enjoying the visual and performing arts. For information call (508) 748-1266 or visit www.marionartcenter.org.

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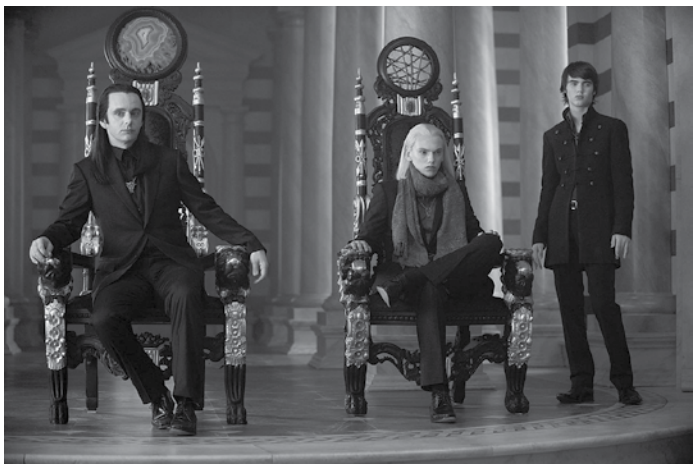

***New Moon.* Starring Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. Directed by Chris Weitz. Running time: 130 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.**

Something about the *Twilight* films (I haven't read the books) gets around my defenses somehow. Not being a teenage girl, I'm at a loss to explain my response. But here's a guess. I have a soft spot for gloom and angst in music — Morrissey songs, any Polish composer you could name — and the first *Twilight* film and the new one, *New Moon,* somehow communicate some of that tone and flavor. These films are a callback to a time when love, or what teenagers think is love, is all-encompassing and anything that stands in its way is *the most horrible thing ever,* and the only possible reaction to heartbreak is sitting in one's room numbly watching the seasons pass. And listening to depressing music.

There's a scene like that in *New Moon,* wherein our fumbly heroine Bella (Kristen Stewart) has just been dumped by her sparkly vampire boyfriend Edward (Robert Pattinson). He's leaving, of course, for her own sake — he fears she'll get hurt if he stays. She doesn't see it that way, and for months on end she simply shuts down. Then she figures out that if she endangers herself, Edward will appear to her as a forbidding apparition ("Don't ride that motorcycle," "Don't eat Pop Rocks and drink Coke," etc.). So Bella spends half the movie being reckless, even though Edward made her promise not to. She also strikes up a tentative thing with local Native American boy Jacob (Taylor Lautner), who is also afraid she'll get hurt if she gets involved with him, because he's a werewolf.

Stephenie Meyer, who wrote the *Twilight* books, is sort of a Laurell K. Hamilton for teenagers. Hamilton writes the Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter series, which began well enough but eventually tipped into porno wish-fulfillment as Anita found herself madly desired by pretty vampires and hunky werewolves. Meyer does the opposite: the mad desire is there, but the fulfillment isn't. Edward and Jacob, put plainly, can't have sex with Bella or they might break her. The self-repressed Meyer stumbled onto a key secret of pulp-romance success: Always leave them wanting more, and keep the lovebirds from getting what they want for as long as possible.

New Moon features vampires — even nasty ones — and roaring werewolves, but is not a horror movie; it's barely even a supernatural movie. It's a starcrossed romance with creatures of the night. Its emphasis is far from gothic — it takes its cue from the drizzly grays of the Pacific Northwest. It is essentially a fable that a lonely, bored, imaginative girl living with her stoic dad in Washington state might tell herself. The whole *Twilight* saga is a special-snowflake daydream of being pursued by exotic monsters while still keeping one's virtue. As before, Kristen Stewart underplays, which allows the teenage female audience to project onto her blankness, and Robert Pattinson's Edward is insipidly noble and non-threatening (he gets his growl on far less here than he did in *Twilight*). Taylor Lautner's hot-blooded Jacob is a change of pace, if a bit of a drip. I was happy to welcome a playfully overacting Michael Sheen (as a sort of executive vampire) and a red-eyed, dead-affect Dakota Fanning (as another fancy vamp) into the film; for a few scenes, we almost seem to be watching a real movie.

Which it isn't, really. *New Moon* doesn't have much of a plot; the bulk of it is Bella moping around. But director Chris Weitz knows a thing or two about love, as anyone who saw *About a Boy* can attest, and he almost makes something moving out of Bella's heartsick stasis. Bella does a lot of stupid things in the movie, and we don't really question them, because nobody's in a particularly logical state of mind when their first love has gone off somewhere forever. The longing is palpable, and when Bella and Edward finally reunite the rare smile on Edward's face says it all. But we've still got two movies to go, and more agonizing over whether Bella will become a vampire and whether Edward will allow that and what Jacob might have to say about that, and I'm a little embarrassed to admit that I'll be watching.

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Sippican Woman's Club

With a theme of "Tree Spree," the ladies of the Sippican Woman's Club, a non-profit organization, will present their 23rd Annual Holiday House Tour and Tea from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday, **December 12**, 2009, rain or shine.

Participants will exchange their tickets for a brochure and tour map at Coldwell Banker Real Estate office located at 150 Front Street, which is right next to Handy's Tavern. Begin your memorable tour adventure at Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street in Marion. Handy's Tavern is owned by the Sippican Woman's Club and serves as its clubhouse.

When you enter Historic Handy's Tavern you will discover a room full of magnificent Christmas trees lavishly decorated by Jeanne Bruen, Lu Chevrier and the many Sippican Woman's Club volunteer members. They have been hard at work for many months preparing for this exciting event and as usual have done an amazing job. The Tavern has been transformed into a "Tree Spree" of surprising imagination. A Silent Auction will be offered on a number of these trees. This is a glorious and stunning sight not to be missed!

Proceeds from the tour are used to support the Scholarship Awards program for Marion students seeking higher education. Scholarship awards totaling over $122,000 have been awarded to deserving Marion students over the past 11 years as well as over $12,000 to the local community.

In addition to the tavern, delight in visiting a selection of five beautiful homes festively decorated for the holiday season by professional design specialists and Sippican Woman's Club members. Afternoon tea will be at St Gabriel's Church from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and is included in the ticket price.

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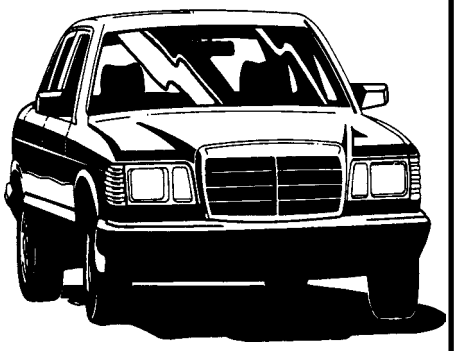

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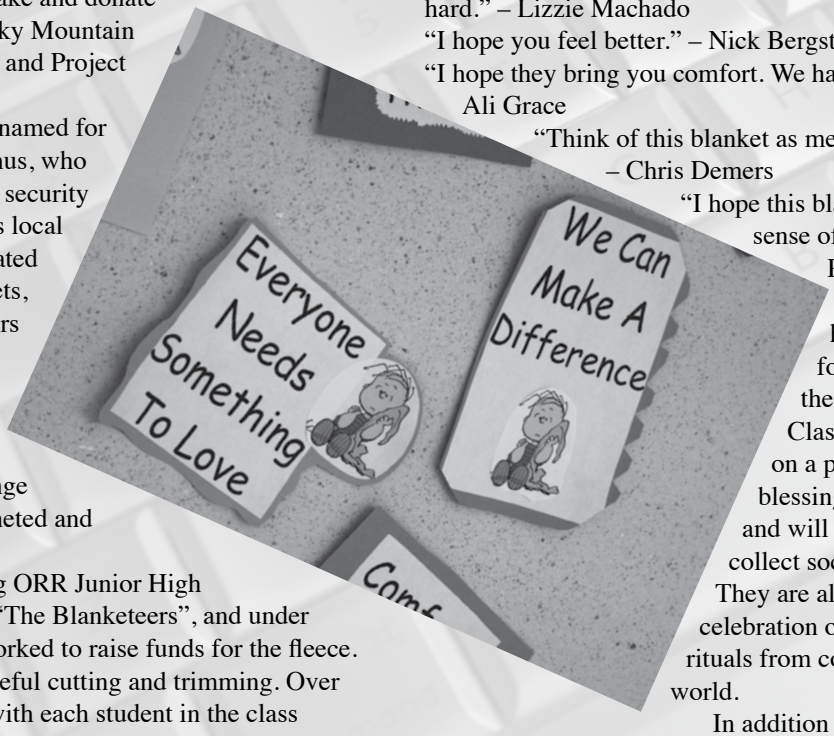
Project Linus Warms the Soul

"The best kind of sleep under heaven above is under a blanket handmade with love." – Project Linus

All you need to make a change in this world is some heart – that's what Enrichment Teacher Jane Tougas at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School is teaching a group of 8th grade students by participating in the "Project Linus" effort.

Project Linus is a charity that was started by Karen Loucks in 1995 after she read an article about a child's battle with cancer and chemotherapy. The child in the article said that having a blanket was a great source of comfort. Ms. Loucks felt inspired to make and donate blankets to Denver's Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center and Project Linus was born.

Project Linus is named for the Peanuts character, Linus, who always carries around his security blanket. Project Linus has local chapters who collect donated supplies, make the blankets, and donate them to shelters and hospitals – anywhere there are "seriously ill or traumatized" children who need a source of comfort. The blankets range from sewn fleece to crocheted and knitted afghans.



The participating ORR Junior High students call themselves "The Blanketeers", and under Ms. Tougas' guidance, worked to raise funds for the fleece. The blankets required careful cutting and trimming. Over 50 blankets were made, with each student in the class contributing at least one, and were proudly displayed at the entrance to the ORRJHS until they were delivered to the Boston chapter of Project Linus on November 18.

Ms. Tougas is clearly proud of her students, who were enthusiastic participants in the project. "When they were making the blankets, you could see that they were making them from their hearts," Ms. Tougas said. "They learned that it doesn't have to be huge – just do something from your heart. That goes a long way."

The blankets will be gifted to children ranging from preemies to 7 or 8 year-old children. Although Project Linus does typically work with established organizations like shelters, they ask the public to alert them to an individual child who might need the loving comfort of a homemade blanket.

Ms. Tougas smiled as the students enthusiastically recalled their favorite fleece patterns – among the themes that the students particularly liked were the ducks, the red hearts, the spaceship pattern, and the jungle-themed blanket. "They really learned that they could give love and security to someone who needed it with this project," said Ms. Tougas.

On the "Enrichment Board" near the entrance of the Junior High School, there are phrases arranged around the Project Linus blankets, displaying the emotions the students felt as they worked. Those phrases include: "We Can Make a Difference" and "Everyone Needs Something to Love".

When asked if they could say anything to the future owners of the handmade blankets, the students said:

"I hope you enjoy these blankets because we worked really hard." – Lizzie Machado

"I hope you feel better." – Nick Bergstein

"I hope they bring you comfort. We had fun making them." – Ali Grace

"Think of this blanket as me being there with you." – Chris Demers

"I hope this blanket will give you a sense of security." – Renae Reints

The Blanketeers have plenty of plans for more good works in their future Enrichment Classes. They are working on a project compiling their blessings for Thanksgiving and will soon start a project to collect socks for the homeless. They are also looking forward to a celebration of holidays and holiday rituals from countries all over the world.

In addition to the efforts of the Junior High students and Ms. Tougas, the ORRJHS Project Linus effort received a lot of help from Meghan Bodeau in the Art department, Jo Barra in Guidance, Margaret Benson in Family Consumer Science, and donations from private citizens for the fleece. For more information on Project Linus, including information on how you can contribute, visit www.ProjectLinus.org, or visit the website for the Boston chapter of Project Linus at www.BostonProjectLinus.com.

"It's wonderful love and warmth," said Ms. Tougas of the Project Linus program. "I hope others will get involved."

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Rochester Women's Club

The Rochester Women's Club will be having an antique and collectible sale on Sunday, **November 29** from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the Rochester Women's Clubhouse at 37 Marion Road on Route 105 in Rochester. An antique appraiser will be on hand from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Bring over your antique items of interest. You never know what treasures you might have. There will also be an ongoing silent auction with donations made from three local artists who participated in our art show and sale in October.

For information about the club or if you would like to participate in the antique show please call Nancy at (508) 654 6621. Space is very limited. Hot dogs, cider, coffee and goodies will be on sale. A donation of $5.00 at the door will go to benefit the Rochester Women's Club, a non-profit organization.

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TriTwon Happenings

Left: *On November 19, Author/Illustrator Teresa Flavin visited each of Mattapoisett Center School's third grade classes. Ms. Flavin is the illustrator of Joseph Bruchac's play Pushing Up the Sky featured in the 3rd Graders reading book. Her presentation included showing the students original sketches and artwork from her books, discussing the processes involved in creating artwork for publication and a short hands-on drawing project.*
Ms. Flavin has lived in Mattapoisett and Fairhaven and now currently resides in Scotland. She has illustrated numerous books and is currently in the process of having her first illustrated fantasy-adventure novel for 11-14 year olds book for published. Photo courtesy of Debra Nettles.

Above*: Mattapoisett resident and Hospice Dinner Committee member Micki Gold attended a "Celebration of Hope" event on October 16 in Boston. The benefit was for Partners Home Care and Hospice, the region's largest non-profit home health care provider. From left to right: Ellen Gitlin, Micki Gold, and Micki's mother Edith Gold all enjoy dinner at the Celebration of Hope event. Photo courtesy of Roger Farrington.*

Below*: Art students from Old Rochester Regional High School work under Ms. Dorothy's guidance to decorate Plumb Corner storefront windows on November 17, 2009. The students took a couple hours away from books to enjoy some paint and sunshine. The festive windows will be on display until Christmas. Photos by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.*

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• The van will be traveling to the Christmas Tree Shop in Bourne on **December 3**. Please call to reserve your seat on the van. Lunch is on your own and a free will donation is always appreciated to help with the cost.

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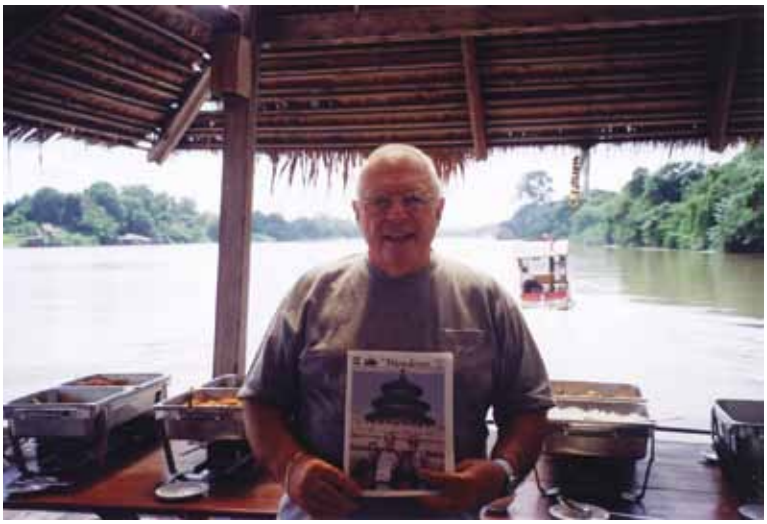

Wandering Wanderer Dr. Charles A. Tavares holds a copy of The Wanderer on the way to the Bridge on the River Quai during a recent trip to Thailand. Photo courtesy of Dr. Tavares.

Tony and Diane Lopes with a copy of The Wanderer at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin during a recent trip to Germany and Poland.

Mark Trow and Rory Hammond long time Mattapoisett residents, and both starting players of the ORR 1974 State Championship Soccer Team. Picture taken November 19, 2009 after fishing in the Laguna Madre about 30 miles south of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Wandering Wanderer Darlene Pittsley visits her daughter Tracy Pittsley for her 28th birthday in Old World, a part of San Diego, CA in November, 2009.

You can share your travel photos with our readers too. All you have to do is take along a copy of* The Wanderer *(or your favorite aardvark) and submit your photos by email to: support@wanderer.com or by mail to P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You can also drop photos off at our office at 55 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett. Everyone who submits a photo will get a special Wanderer Pathtag key chain. (one per photo/event).

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

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•Monday, **November 30**: 9:00 Garden Club; 9:00 SHINE; 11:00 Meditation Course; 12:00 Fitness w/Karen; 12:30 Fairhaven Marts; 1:00 Scrabble.

•Tuesday, **December 1**: 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Stop & Shop; 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 1-3:00 Flu Vaccine Clinic.

•Wednesday, **December 2**: 9-11:00 Free Cholesterol Blood Sugar Screenings; 9-11:00 Free Hearing Aid battery testing; 10:00 Zumba Gold; 12:00 Fitness w/Karen; 12:00 $5 Boiled Dinner; 1:30 Bingo.

•Thursday, **December 3**: 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 9:00 Bridge; Trip to Federal Hill.

•Friday, **December 4**: 8:00 Shaw's; 8:30 Yoga.

Reminders for upcoming weeks:

• Every Wednesday lunch by Cobblestones at the Center for just $5.

• Zumba Gold at 10:00 am every Wednesday: $4.

• **December 2**: Southcoast Cardio Nurses free blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar screenings.

• **December 2**: Free hearing aid and battery checks from 9:00 – noon.

• **December 11**: Speaker at 10:00 am on "Healthy Holiday Eating".

• **December 15**: Dinner at the Pasta House.

Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly

The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly are selling their 2010 Dinner for Two coupon books for $29.95 each. They are available either from the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (the Mattapoisett Senior Wellness Center) by calling (508) 758-4110, or from Ilona Langhoff at (508) 758-2787. If paying by check, make your check out to the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly.

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Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights November 15-November 21

•Mill St – Medical emergency
•Point Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Bullivant Farm Rd – Animal complaint
•Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
•Delano Rd – D.M.V. arrest, warrant
•Front St – Motor vehicle stop
•Moorings Rd – Fire alarm
•Joanne Dr – Family disturbance
•Inland Rd – Medical emergency
•South St – Health/welfare
•Blackmoor Pond Rd – Animal complaint
•Rocky Knook Rd – Medical emergency
•Front St – Burglar alarm
•South St – General service
•Wareham Rd – Larceny/past
•Water St – Fire alarm
•Cottage St - Burglar alarm
•Point Rd – General offense
•Wareham Rd – MVA/injury
•Inland Rd - Medical emergency
•Front St – Animal compliant
•Homes St – Disturbance
•Rogers Dr – Burglar alarm
•Pleasant St – Medical emergency
•Spring St – D.M.V.
•Point St – Medical emergency
•County Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Oakdale Ave – Suspicious motor vehicle
•Wareham Rd – Disturbance
•Mill St - Vandalism

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights November 15-November 21

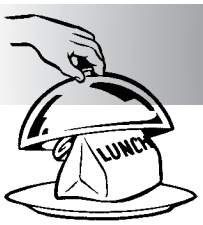
•North St – Motor vehicle violations
•Aucoot Rd – Alarm, burglar
•Pine St – Complaint
•Pine Island Rd – Fire, other
•Sagamore Rd – Health/welfare
•Wildwood Terr – Family offense, non-violent
•Avenue A – 911 call
•North St – Transport general
•Tallman St – General service
•Marion Rd – Disabled MV
•Tallman St – Officer wanted
•Marion Rd – Medical assist
•Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
•Shady Oak Dr – Harassing/annoying calls
•River Bend Ln – MV crash
•North St – Alarm, burglar
•Church St – General services
•Ned's Point Rd – MV violations
•Marion Rd – House check
•Euclid Ave – General services
•North St – MV violations
•Crystal Spring Rd – MV crash
•Union Ave – Ambulance request
•Industrial Dr – Suspicious person
•Holmes Rd – Disturbance
•County Rd – 209A order issued/extended
•North Rd – Arrest-adult
•North St – General service
•Main St – Ambulance request

ROCHESTER

Log highlights November 17–November 23

•Rounseville Rd – Complaint
•Stuart Rd – Animal control
•Dexter Ln – ATV/Rec vehicle complaint
•High St – Erratic operation
•Walnut Plain Rd – Alarm, fire
•Hartley Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
•North Ave – Motor vehicle accident
•Perry Hill Rd – Assist other agency
•Old Orchard Estates – Area check
•Marion Rd – Information only
•Rounseville Rd – Assist citizen
•Hartley Rd – Alarm, burglar
•Constitution Way – Parking violation
•Pierce St – paper service
•Dexter Ln – Alarm, fire
•Walnut Plain Rd – assist citizen, lockout
•High St – Animal control
•Gurney Pl – Vandalism
•Estabrook Way – Ambulance request
•Alley Rd – Disabled MV
•Walnut Plain Rd – Domestic disturbance
•Mary's Pond Rd – General services
•Hartley Rd – Suspicious MV
•Alley Rd – Investigation
•Springwood Dr – Alarm, burglar
•Vaughn Hill Rd – Vandalism
•County Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Kings Hwy – Suspicious activity
•North Ave – Motor vehicle stop
•Cranberry Hwy – Area check

Local Lunch Menus



COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday Nov 30: Salisbury steak, augratin potato, diced carrots, whole wheat bread, strawberry cup, Diet: orange
Tuesday Dec 1: Vegetarian chili, fluffy rice, multi grain roll, pudding, Diet: Sugar free pudding
Wednesday Dec 2: Minestrone soup, honey mustard boneless chicken, mashed potato, wheat bread, peaches
Thursday Dec 3: High Sodium- Turkey ham, escalloped potatoes, peas, snowflake roll, orange
Friday Dec 4: Pier 17 Fish, tartar sauce, Spanish rice, zucchini & tomatoes, fruit muffin, pears

MATTAPOISETT CENTER SCHOOL

Monday Nov 30: Hamburger w/wo cheese on a bun, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 1: French toast stick, syrup, light sausage, 100% juice, warmed spiced apples slices, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 2: Spaghetti w/wo meatballs, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Dec 3: Taco w/all the fixings, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 4: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk, cookie

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday Nov 30: Soup, grilled cheese, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 1: French toast stick, syrup, light sausage, 100% juice, warmed spiced apples slices, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 2: Spaghetti w/wo meatballs, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Dec 3: Taco w/all the fixings, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 4: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk, cookie

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday Nov 30: Chicken patty, spiral fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 1: Sausage egg & cheese on an English muffin, smile fries, warmed spiced apples slices, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 2: Spaghetti w/wo meatballs, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Dec 3: Chicken tenders, potato wedges, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 4: Quesadilla, potato puffs or pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk, cookie

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Monday Nov 30: Soup, grilled cheese, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 1: French toast stick, syrup, light sausage, 100% juice, warmed spiced apples slices, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 2: Chili, nachos, corn muffin, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Dec 3: Totally Taco, rice, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 4: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk, cookie

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Monday Nov 30: Soup, grilled cheese, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 1: French toast stick, syrup, light sausage, 100% juice, warmed spiced apples slices, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 2: Spaghetti w/wo meatballs, bread stick, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Dec 3: taco with all the fixings, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 4: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk, Cookie

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL Monday Nov 30: Hot dog or chili dog, beans, corn, mixed fruit
Tuesday Dec 1: Soft taco with shredded lettuce, salsa, cheese, chips, peas, fruit
Wednesday Dec 2: Rib-I-Que, fries, green beans, apple crisp, fruit
Thursday Dec 3: Roasted chicken, potatoes, carrots, bread, peaches
Friday Dec 4: Pizza wedges, salad, fruit

Limited Flu Vaccines Available in Marion

The Marion Board of Health has a limited number of doses of seasonal flu vaccine available for Marion residents. Please contact the office at (508) 748-3530 to schedule an appointment, and determine eligibility before your appointment.

ORRHS 1997 and 1998 Graduates

Student Temporary Records for 1997 and 1998 Old Rochester Regional High School graduates are available for pick up until **December 15**, 2009.

After December 15, 2009, ORRHS will begin destroying the temporary records of students who either graduated or withdrew from Old Rochester Regional High School in 1997 and 1998. Transcripts are kept on file for 60 years. To pick up records, please call (508) 758-3745 x 1424

Cars Needed for Boys and Girls Club

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20 "Agnus —"
21 Mason's tool
22 Cat-show judge?
25 Puts aside
26 Carpenter's item
27 Cavity
28 Model boat?
30 Degrades
33 Mongoose's enemy
35 Bungle
36 One of the Marches
38 "If I — you . . ."
39 White House grp.
42 Beret kin
45 Queen of mystery
47 Tell it like it isn't
49 Winter warmer-upper
51 See 105 Down
52 Sluggishly
53 Dislike of a relative?
56 Branch
57 Swiss canton
58 "— Dawn" ('73 song)
60 Moving man?
61 Strait-laced
62 71 Across feature
63 Support
64 Not quite adult
65 Kevin of "American Beauty"
67 Renown
69 Board game
71 Casals' instrument
72 Messenger
74 "Younger — Springtime" ('49 song)
75 Exceptional
76 Be a buttinsky
79 So be it
80 Wallace of "The Princess Bride"
81 Type of orange
82 Bray beginning
83 Lion's lair
84 A different place to get married?
87 Newscaster Lesley
89 Mythical monster
90 Danger
91 UK honor
92 Steven of "Exit Wounds"
93 Comic Louis
94 JFK info
95 Literary lioness
98 Edinburgh veto
100 Westover or Tamblyn
101 Emit
103 Indiana river
105 Wood-chopping mishap?
111 Married Mlle.
113 Identical
114 Use logic
115 Like a quick-fingered poker player?
122 Chased rainbows?
123 Competitor
124 "Dies —"
125 — cotta
126 Stratum
127 TV's "Too Close — Comfort"
128 Deserve
129 Occurrence

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1 Tuck's mate
2 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
3 Mongrel
4 Rink legend
5 Bowe blows
6 Charge
7 Reformer Lucretia
8 Lilly or Mintz
9 Command at a corner
10 Perry White, for one
11 Meyerbeer's "— Huguenots"
12 Lucknow lute
13 Art Deco name
14 Carrot or parsnip
15 Crooked
16 Trickle
17 In addition
21 "For shame!"
23 "Sleeping with the —" ('91 film)
24 Mediterranean port
29 Foul
30 Charm
31 Aggressiveness on Wall Street?
32 Genesis figure
34 Suits
35 Disgusted
37 Fills to the gills
38 Moisten
40 Letters of desperation?
41 Machine part
42 Kremlin tomb?
43 Hawk's home
44 One of the Yokums
46 "Swingin' School" singer
48 Claire or Balin
50 — impulse (suddenly)
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55 Departs
59 "My word!"
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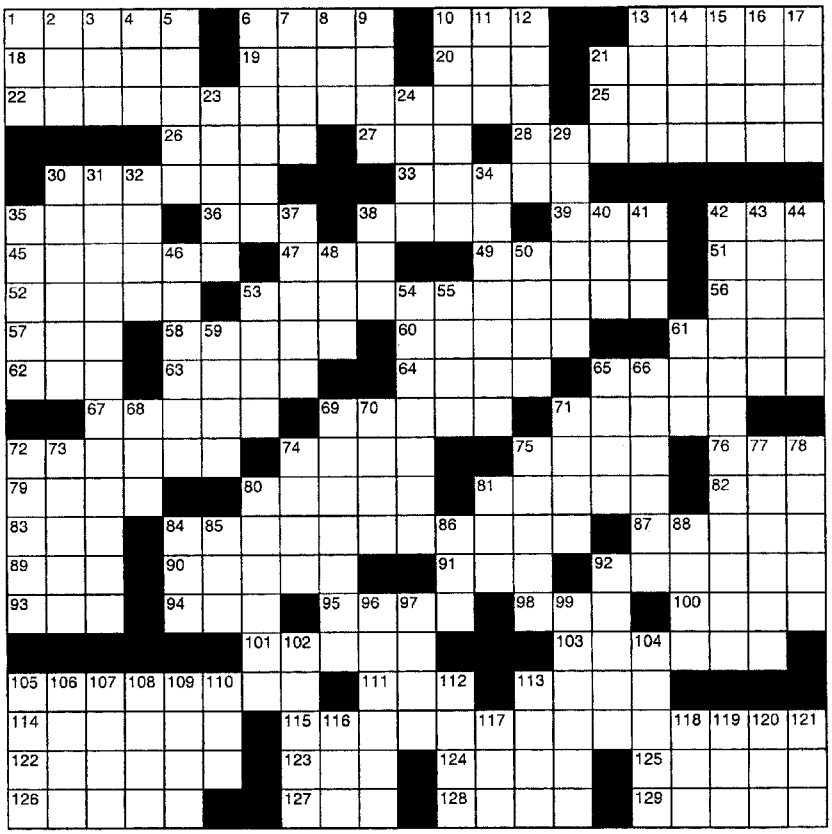

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) While it seems that chaos is taking over, you get everything back to normal, even if it means being more than a little assertive with some people. Expect to hear more job-related news soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Expect to be able to move ahead with your workplace plans now that you have a good idea of what you might have to face. You also can anticipate a welcome change on the home front.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A quieter period settles in, giving you a chance to catch your breath, as well as allowing for more time to handle some important family matters. The arts dominate this weekend. Enjoy them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The frustrations of last week have pretty much played themselves out. You should find things going more smoothly, especially with those all-important personal matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Once again, you find a creative way to resolve a pesky problem in short order. However, a matter involving a possible breach of confidence might need a bit more time to check out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Reuniting with an old friend could lead to the sharing of some great new experiences. But be careful you don't find yourself once again being supercritical or overly judgmental.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You should be seeing some positive results following your move toward repairing that unraveling relationship. There might be some setbacks, but staying with it ultimately pays off.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Encouraging a friendlier environment in the home could go a long way to help dissipate anger and resolve problems, especially those affecting children. It won't be easy, but you can do it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A recent act of kindness is beginning to show some unexpected (but very welcome) results. On another note, expect to hear more about a possible move to another locale.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The good news is that the sure-footed Goat can rely on his or her skill to get around obstacles in the workplace. The not-so-good news is that new impediments could turn up later.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A change of pace is welcome but also confusing. Before you make decisions one way or another, be sure you know precisely what it is you're being asked to do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Don't fret if you don't get the gratitude you think you're owed for doing a nice thing for someone. There might be a good reason for that. In any event, what's important is that you did it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of making the sort of wise decisions that lead to shedding new light on dark situations.

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Marion Garden Group News

• The Marion Garden Group will hold its annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday **December 12**, from 9:30 to 2:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall. The boutique features natural fresh greens arrangements, garlands and decorative items to brighten your home for the holiday. Many beautiful nature inspired gift items will also be for sale such as seashell ornaments, bird nest ornaments, starfish trees, scented soaps, decorative birdhouses, and naturally embellished picture frames. This year, live piano music from Gerald Lemay and delicious baked treats will also add to the holiday spirit.

The annual boutique funds the Marion Garden Groups efforts to seasonally maintain many of the business window boxes in Marion village, as well as the Post Office and Town Hall, and to support garden therapy at local nursing homes.

• The Marion Garden Group is seeking donations of floral arrangement containers for use at their annual Christmas Boutique in December. Donated containers may be dropped off at the Marion General Store through **December 1**.

• The Marion Garden Group is once again offering naturally decorated balsam wreaths for your home or business. This is an annual fundraiser and all profits from the sale of these fresh 12" wreaths will be used for the beautification of Marion. The Marion Garden Group designs, plants, and maintains the window

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TOWN OF MARION
DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS
BID OPENING
SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
The Town of Marion intends to dispose of the following vehicles:
-One (1) 1997 Crown Victoria - Needs Work
-One (1) 1987 FMC Sweeper - Bad Frame
-One (1) 1999 Ram 3500 Wheelchair Van - Bad Frame
-Two (2) 1990 Inter. Recycling Trucks - Rusted Out
-One (1) 1995 GMC Sonoma - Bad Frame
-One (1) 2000 Crown Victoria - Bad Motor & Rusted Out
-One (1) 2000 Ford Police Interceptor - Bad Frame
-One (1) 1995 Chevy 2500 - Bad Frame
-One (1) 1994 GMC 3500 - Bad Motor
-One (1) 1993 Dodge Ram 150 - Bad Frame

If you wish to see these vehicles prior to bidding, please contact the Marion DPW Office at 508-748-3540.

Any person interested in purchasing any or all of this equipment may do so by sealed bid labeled "Bid on Surplus Equipment". Bid sheets are available at the Marion DPW Office and all bids must be received at the Marion DPW Office located in the Marion WWTP, 50 Benson Brook Road (P.O. Box 1050), Marion, MA 02738 by 10:00 A.M. on December 3, 2009, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The Marion Board of Selectmen reserve the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Marion.

Robert C. Zora, Supt. 11/19, 11/26

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the request of R. Bear Monteiro for a Special Permit under Section 4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow a nursery in a Residential zone.

The property is located at 454 Wareham Street and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 13, Lot 51.

Thomas Magauran, Chairman
Joseph Napoli, Vice-Chairman 11/26, 12/03

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:50 pm in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by THE TOWN OF MARION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, for the following work at the southerly end of Giffords Corner Road, within the road layout, to alleviate an existing drainage problem: (1) install a 50'-long, 12"-diameter drainage pipe with culverts at both ends; (2) replicate 332 square feet of wetlands; and (3) associated grading. The site is shown on Marion Assessors' Plan 15. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Norman A. Hills, Chairman 11/26

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUILDING
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ROCHESTER, MA 02770
Request for Qualifications for Construction Management at Risk Services for the Rochester Memorial School Building Project.

Contractor category: construction will be CM at Risk with Guaranteed Maximum Price. The project includes approximately 34,000sf in additions utilizing pre-cast wall panel system and approximately 70,000sf in renovations to the existing school. Pre-K1 thru 6 elementary school. A briefing session will be held on Tuesday, the 1st of December at 3pm at the Rochester Memorial School Lobby, 16 Pine Street, Rochester, MA. RFQ available at PMA Consultants, 25 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 303, Braintree MA 02184 on 11/24/09 at 1pm or via email request to csimmler@pmaconsultants.com

Board of Selectmen 11/26

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:15 pm in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by THE TOWN OF MARION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, to upgrade 9,500 feet of antiquated water main on Pleasant Street (from Main Street to Converse Road) and on Converse Road (from Pleasant Street southerly to the end of the public road), and to repave the full width of those roads. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Norman A. Hills, Chairman 11/26

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 8:00 pm in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by TABOR ACADEMY to construct a pile-supported pier over the existing licensed pier at 283 Front Street. The pier will be 122' long with a 12' x 16' platform at the end, a ramp and a 15' x 25' float. The site is shown as Lot 13B on Marion Assessors' Map 13. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeffrey W. Oakes, Vice Chairman11/26

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:25 pm in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by KEVIN AND BARBARA CUZZI to replace a gangway and float system at 35 East Avenue, Planting Island, with a timber pile-supported pier (74' x 4.5'), a ramp (16' x 3') and a wooden float (8' x 12'). The site is shown as Lot 66 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Norman A. Hills, Chairman 11/26

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 8:10 pm in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by WILLIAM C. LOVETT to construct a single-family dwelling with associated grading and landscaping at Lot 146 Dexter Road, Dexter Beach, as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Norman A. Hills, Chairman 11/26

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 8:11 pm in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1397 submitted by THOMAS P. LOVETT, JR. to construct a single-family dwelling with associated grading and landscaping at Lot 147 Doran Way, Dexter Beach, as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Norman A. Hills, Chairman 11/26

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91
Waterways License Application Number W09-2858
Nancy and Greg Johnson
Patricia F. Shaw Revocable Trust
Patricia Shaw, Trustee
NOTIFICATION DATE: December 7, 2009

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Nancy and Greg Johnson and Patricia Shaw to construct and maintain an elevated walkway, pier, ramp and float system at 406 Point Road, in the municipality of Marion, in and over flowed tidelands of Planting Island Cove. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at 508-946-2748, Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T.B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 11/26

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Ornament, Southern New England's Premier Rock Orchestra, will present a concert entitled "A Tribute to the Trans Siberian Orchestra" in the main auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett on Friday, **December 11**, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The concert is sponsored by FORD, Friends of Old Rochester Drama.

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In the spirit of that season, the concert will help raise funds for the drama department at ORR. The Ornament concert will begin at 7:00 pm, with doors opening at 6:30 pm. Tickets are $10 per person. Advance

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:10 pm in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1398 submitted by CYNTHIA F. CASNER to upgrade the septic system at 28 Point Road, further identified as Lot 27 on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Norman A. Hills, Chairman 11/26

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CASE #632 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 pm on Thursday, December 17, 2009 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Cumberland Farms, Inc. for a Special Permit under section 6.1.3 of the zoning by-law to allow the demolition and replacement of structures and fueling equipment.

The property, located at 406 Wareham Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 13 as Lot 22A.
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 11/26, 12/03

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 4:45 P.M. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 28 Point Road, further identified as Map 1, Lot 27.

The following variance is requested from State Environmental Code Title V:
310 CMR 15.212 a variance to the groundwater separation to 3 foot separation.
Albin R. Johnson III, Chairman 11/26, 12/03

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:20 pm in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1399 submitted by DAVID HOOKE to bury approximately 15 rocks that are protruding from the ground, and then to loam and seed that area. The project is located at 290 Delano Road and is shown as Lot 4C on Marion Assessors' Map 5. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Norman A. Hills, Chairman 11/26

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICETOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 7:05 pm in the first floor Conference Room of Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 upon the application for a transfer of liquor license from Cathay Temple Restaurant Inc. 24 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA to Ying Dynasty of Mattapoisett , Inc. d/b/a Ying Dynasty II, 24 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA for an all alcohol liquor license. Anyone wishing to make comment may do so by attending this public meeting.
Jordan C. Collyer, Chairman
Paul A. Silva, Vice Chairman
George Randall, Clerk 12/03, 12/10

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6:30 AM – Words of Peace
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church
8:00 AM – The New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicles
Noon – The Commonwealth Report – With Sen. Marc Pacheco
12:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – The New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:30 PM - Community Announcements
7:00 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
7:30 PM – New England Jobs Show
8:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society Presents
10:30 PM – New England Daycations
11:00 PM - Explore
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Monday Nov. 30, 2009
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Our Time is NOW
10:00 AM – Arts and Ideas
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Kids a Cookin'
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:30 PM – Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM – Sharing Miracles
8:30 PM – Physician's Focus
9:30 PM – Around BCC
10:00 PM – Smart Boating
10:30 PM – Life Matters
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday Dec. 1, 2009
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Seniors on the Move
9:30 PM – LOWV Healthcare Forum
10:30 AM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Community Announcements
4:30 PM – Senior Scene
5:00 PM – Community Arts in Action
5:30 PM – Expedition New England
7:00 PM – HomeFront
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – Gallery Talk – Hosted by the Marion Art Center
8:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM – Community Announcements
11:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Wednesday Dec. 2, 2009
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
10:00 AM – Green By Design
10:30 AM – Cooking With Marie
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM - New England Jobs Show
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
5:30 PM – Second Act TV
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – White House Chronicle
7:30 PM – The Commonwealth Report – With Sen. Marc Pacheco
8:30 PM – Sharing Miracles
9:00 PM - I Believe TV – A Program for People With Disabilities
10:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Thursday Dec. 3, 2008
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Community Announcements
10:00 AM – Kids a Cookin'
10:30 AM - Homefront
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – LOWV Healthcare Forum
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – Link TV World Music Block
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – The Rock Star Stories
11:30 PM – Conn Jackson
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

Friday Dec. 4, 2008
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
9:30 AM - New England Daycation
10:00 AM – Green By Design
10:30 AM – Healthwise Alternatives
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:30 PM - New England Jobs Show
4:00 PM – I Believe TV – A Program for People with Disabilities
5:00 PM – Community Arts in Action
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
7:30 PM – Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM – Homefront
8:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM – New England Jobs Show
10:00 PM – Ampersand
11:00 PM – Around BCC
11:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

Saturday Dec. 5, 2008
8:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
10:30 AM – NASA 360
11:00 AM – Explore New England
11:30 AM – Kids a Cookin'
Noon – Gallery Talk
12:30 PM – Around BCC
1:00 PM – New England Daycations
1:30 PM – U-Mass Dartmouth Sports
3:00 PM – LOWV Healthcare Forum
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – Link TV World Music Block
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11:00 PM – The Rock Star Stories
11:30 PM – Conn Jackson
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM 0 Saturday Fright Special

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2:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
9:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
10:30 AM - Rochester COA Bags Program
12:00 Noon – Rochester COA Bags Program
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
4:30 PM – Latest School Committee Meeting
5:45 PM - Rochester COA Bags Program
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 18
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
9:00 AM – ORRHS Cyber Bullying Assembly
10:00 AM – OHS 2009 Sixth Grade Graduation Ceremony
11:00 AM – OHS Sixth Grade – World Drumming
11:30 AM – ORRHS 2009 Homecoming Skits
3:00 PM – OHS Sixth Grade – World Drumming
5:00 PM – 2009 Suites and sweets Concert
6:30 PM – OHS 2009 Sixth Grade Graduation Ceremony
7:30 PM – ORRHS Video Journalism Class Projects - PSAs
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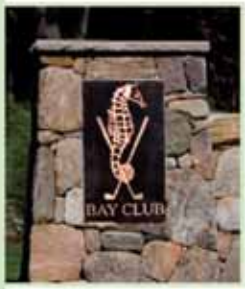

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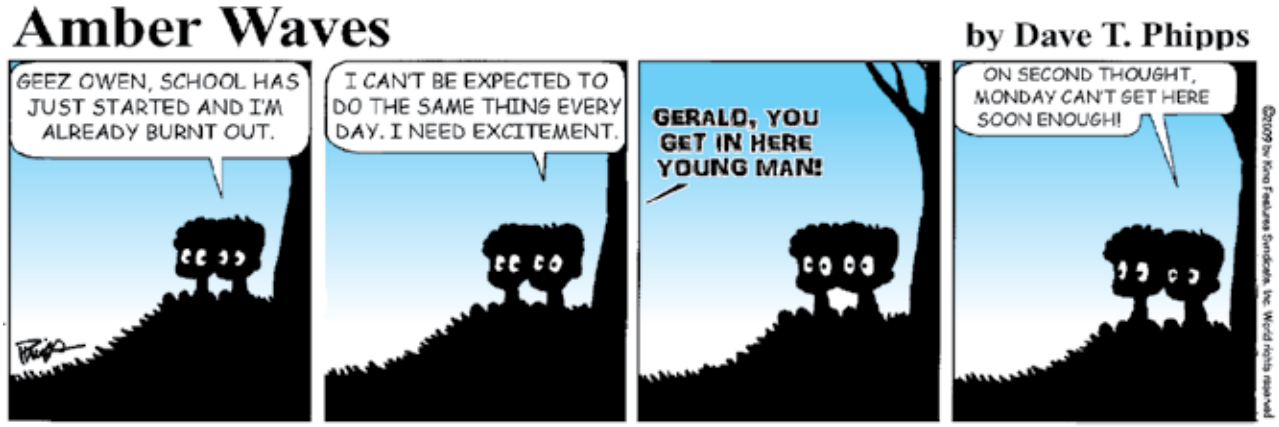

December 12, with an online registration deadline of **November 27**.

Both entrance examinations are designed for students who are considering applications to various independent schools, including Friends Academy, for the 2010-2011 school year. The ISEE tests students applying to grades 5 through 8, whereas the SSAT is used for students applying to independent high schools. The three-and-a-half hour admission tests include timed sections in verbal and quantitative reasoning, reading comprehension, and an essay.

Families considering an application to grades 5 through 8 at Friends Academy may request ISEE registration forms from the Admissions Office. Applicants to The Sally Borden School at Friends Academy, however, are not required to take the ISEE. For information about applications to any grade at Friends Academy or The Sally Borden School, contact Cheryl Deane in Admissions at (508) 999-1356 or on the web at http://www.friendsacademy1810.org]www.friendsacademy1810.org.

Habitat For Cats Adoption Day

Habitat for Cats will be holding two Cat/Kitten Adoption Days on Sunday, **December 6** and **December 13** from 12:00 to 3:00 at 1322 Ashley Blvd. in New Bedford. All cats and kittens are spayed or neutered, inoculated and have tested negative for feline leukemia.

Cats have received medical and foster care valued at $200 or greater. This holiday season, as a gift to you and homeless cats, Habitat for Cats will be offering a reduced price on our adoption fee. From December 1 through 31, the adoption fee will be $65. Holidays are a time of giving. Give a homeless cat a better life through adoption. As always, adoptions are available throughout the month, by appointment. For more information call (508) 961-2287 or visit www.HabitatforCats.org.

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Jennifer Nunes	November 28
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Joseph Biron	November 29
Meghan Galarzza	November 30
Kate Day Taylor	December 1
Lynn Marie Bliss	December 1

If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com/birthday. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.

Remember to check The Wanderer each week so you will know who to wish a "Happy Birthday!"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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The Holiday Party will be held at the museum, located above the Elizabeth Taber Library, 7 Spring Street, Marion, Mass. From 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Cost for all but the Rocket program ($20.00) and the holiday party (Free) is $4 for members, $6 for non-members.

Senior Stretch and Exercise

The Senior Stretch and Exercise meets every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9:30 to 10:30 am, at the First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall in Marion. The cost for the 10-week session is $45 for three days a week. The first class is free, and you may join a session at anytime. Those who start the 4th or 5th week, pay $32; those who start the 6 - 10th week pay $25. Each class includes low-impact aerobics, weights and stretching appropriate for all fitness levels. The funding is provided by the Friends of the Marion Visiting Nurses.

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The Mattapoisett Lions Club News

• **Food And Toy Drive** – The Lions Club will once again this year be participating in the town's "Holiday in the Park," scheduled for Saturday, **December 5** from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. We will be collecting canned goods and new unwrapped toys. So as you walk around Shipyard Park on that Saturday morning and look out into the harbor, give thanks for what you have and please remember those less fortunate.

Due to an overwhelming demand for events to be listed on our bulletin board located on the corner of route 6 and North St, please send your requests for events listings at least two weeks prior to the event to Mattapoisett Lions Club P.O. Box 1022, Mattapoisett,Ma 02739. Listings are subject to space availability.

Sippican Choral Society Concert

The Sippican Choral Society will present its 45th annual Christmas Concerts on Friday, **December 4** and Sunday, **December 6**. Under the direction of Brian Roderick and accompanied by Michelle Gordon, Dwight Thomas, and the Sonaré Chamber Ensemble, one hundred-plus voices will perform "Songs of Hope and Peace." The classical portion of the program will include selections from Mendelssohn and Handel, followed by a performance of the Sippican Chamber Choir and an instrumental interlude. Traditional Christmas carols, holiday songs, and audience participation will complete the program. For more information: www.sippicanchoral.org.

• Friday, **December 4**, 2009 at 8:00 pm - Grace Episcopal Church, County Street, New Bedford.
• Sunday, **December 6**, 2009 at 4:00 pm - Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, Marion.

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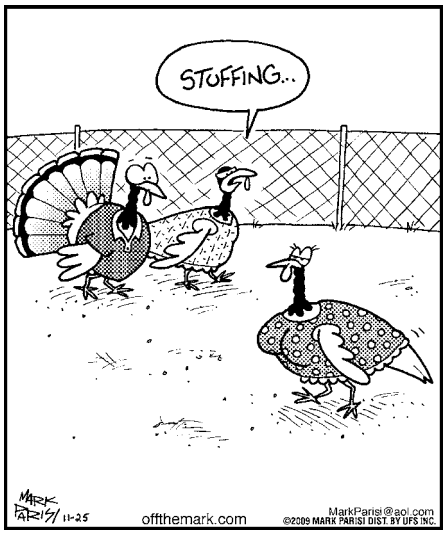

ORRJHS Drama Club Presents *Cinderella*

Members of the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Drama Club are hard at work preparing for their **December 2 and 3** performances of *G2K-Cinderella.* "G2K" stands for "Getting to Know" and is a series of musicals by Rodgers and Hammerstein that have been adapted for young performers. And Cinderella is the timeless, classic, magical fairy tale. The ORRJHS presentation of this "dreams-come-true" story is sure to leave audiences smiling.

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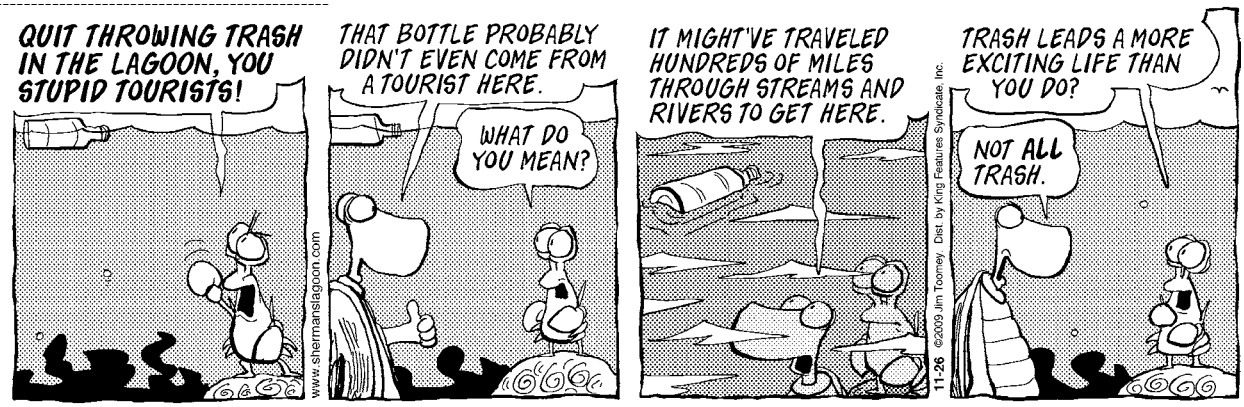

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

• **Holiday Hours** – The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will be open the following hours during the holidays: **December 24** 10:00 to Noon, **December 25** Closed, **December 26** open at 10:00 am, **December 31** 10:00 to Noon, **January 1** Closed, **January 2** open at 10:00 am.

• **Food for Fines –** During the month of December, library patrons are encouraged to bring in non-perishables for current late materials rather than paying an overdue fine. In the spirit of the season, the library staff and the Friends are together launching this effort to add more food to the shelves of the local food pantries. Containers for canned goods, etc, are on both levels of the library, courtesy of the Friends. This does not include previous fees accumulated or charges for lost books, but is intended for current overdue fines only. Please speak with a library staff member with any questions. All donations of food will be appreciated and passed along to local food pantries.

• **Family Story Time for the Holidays** – Join the Library staff and friends for a special celebration on Saturday, **December 5** from 11:00 to 1:00 pm. Drop-in for story times throughout mid-day and enjoy cookie decorating. Take home some sweet creations and enjoy stories of the season as part of the Village Stroll and "Holiday in the Park" Events.

• **Holiday Reading Suggestions** – Interested in a Christmas read or looking for suggestions for book gifts for folks on your gift list? Ask the library staff at the Circulation Desk for a free copy of Book Page, and the prepared list of books set in a holiday setting.

• **MFPL Book Discussion Group** – The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Book Discussion Group will be held Saturday, **January 9** at 2:00 pm. The title to be discussed is *E. B White* by Scott Elledge. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the lively discussion of this interesting man of letters. Copies of the biography can be placed on hold through the SAILS catalog. Please ask the library staff if you need assistance reserving a copy.

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• **Writers' Group** – The Mattapoisett Library Writers' Group meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Marine Room. The next meetings are **November 24** and **December 8**. All genres are discussed in a supportive and cordial get-together. Everyone is welcome.

• **Author of *BirdTalk* Presentation** – Alan Powers, author of *BirdTalk* and a professor of English at Bristol Community College, will present a program on the conversation with winter birds on Thursday, **January** 28 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Powers will discuss his "listening, watching, and replying to birds" as detailed in his entertaining and informative book subtitled *Conversations with Birds*. This program is co-sponsored with the library and the Naskatucket Bird Club. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

• **Movie Night** – On Saturday **November 28** Junior Friends Of The Library is hosting a family movie night. They will be presenting *Nim's Island* directed by Jennifer Flackett and Mark Levin. The movie stars Abigail Breslin, Jodie Foster and Gerard Butler. Movie time is 1:00 pm, and all ages are welcomed. This movie is rated PG. Parents must stay with younger children. Refreshments will be served. See you at the movies!

The library is located at 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. For additional information you may phone the library at (508) 758-4171.

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Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
November 26:	Thurs.	2:19	2:41	8:42	8:44
November 27:	Fri.	3:10	3:36	9:38	9:28
November 28:	Sat.	4:02	4:30	10:25	10:10
November 29:	Sun.	4:53	5:22	11:10	10:52
November 30:	Mon.	5:42	6:10	11:55	11:35
December 1:	Tues.	6:30	6:58	. . .	12:42
December 2:	Wed.	7:18	7:47	12:20	1:31
December 3:	Thurs.	8:07	8:37	1:08	2:20
December 4:	Fri.	8:59	9:30	1:58	3:09
December 5:	Sat.	9:53	10:26	2:49	3:58
December 6:	Sun.	10:49	11:23	3:43	4:49
December 7:	Mon.	11:46	. . .	4:41	5:46
December 8:	Tues.	12:20	12:43	5:51	6:55
December 9:	Wed.	1:20	1:43	7:29	8:05
December 10:	Thurs.	2:18	2:42	9:01	8:58
December 11:	Fri.	3:18	3:43	10:02	9:41
December 12:	Sat.	4:18	4:42	10:51	10:18
December 13:	Sun.	5:13	5:35	11:34	10:55

Phases of the Moon		
	Full Moon	December 2nd
	Last Quarter	December 9th
	New Moon	December 16th
	First Quarter	December 24th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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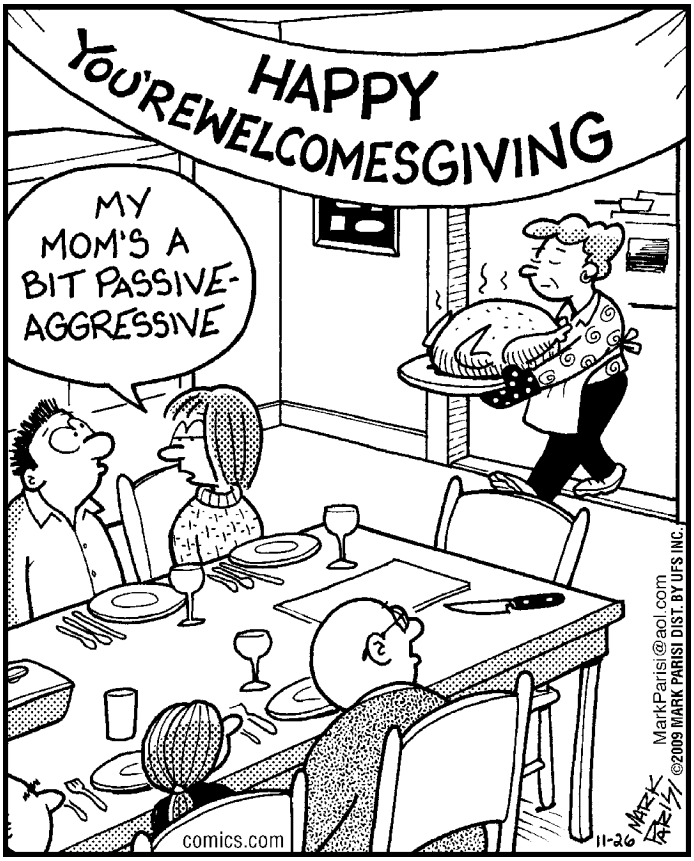

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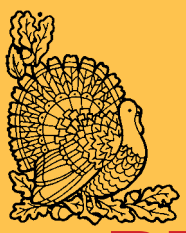

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